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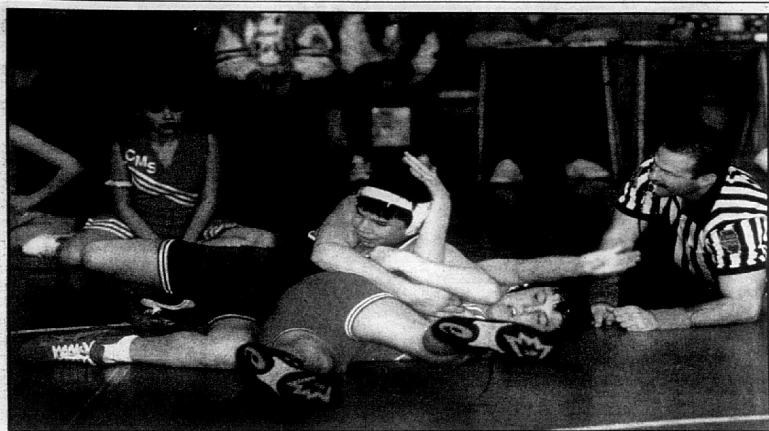
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Grudge match —Grigsby wrestler Tim Kelly, top, tries to turn his Coolidge opponent, Will Clark, over for a pin in the Granite City Middle School match Tuesday. Coolidge cheerleader Daphnee Dennis, left in back, watches while Russ Baum, right, officiates. See story, more photos in People, Page 1C.

Group fights development

Environmentalists say plan may hurt 'sensitive areas'

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

MADISON

A local environmental group has come out against the expansion of the city of Madison's tax increment financing district, citing potential damage to "environmentally sensitive areas" and wetlands.

A letter from Kathy Andria, president of the Madison County Conservation Alliance, was read at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

Andria and city officials crossed swords over the failed STRV LCC wood-powered energy plant in 1996, something that still ranksles some city officials.

The council is expected to act on the expansion, which would about double the existing TIF district, at its next meeting.

The expansion is in two tracts. The first tract includes mostly open

ground on both sides of Illinois 203 and Bend Road up to Harrison Street. The second tract is northeast of the intersection of the two roads and includes a number of mobile homes and other residential structures, and some industrial property.

Major redevelopment projects already under way include the \$8 million Gateway National Golf Links and more than \$600,000 in improvements at Maverick Transport Co.

Other proposed developments within the expanded district include possible motels and restaurants near the golf course. At the same time, the TIF will be zoned for business and light industrial use.

In a TIF district, the amount of tax (See PLAN, Page 3A)

Press-Record is changing its stripes

Newspaper sports new look, expands coverage

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

The Granite City Press-Record, long a cornerstone of the community, is changing its face again.

The hundred-year-old weekly paper is changing its entire makeup to better meet the needs of the Granite City area.

The paper will now consist of four sections. The A section will be devoted to local, society and family-related news.

The B section will keep readers updated on local sports teams. The C section will alternately highlight kids, seniors and people, and the D section will be an expanded entertainment magazine, spotlighting the hot spots in area entertainment.

Staff of the Press-Record

have always participated and taken an interest in the communities the paper serves.

Every editor has been associated with the Granite City Rotary Club, and has championed such causes and events as eliminating crime, promoting city parks and supporting Santa's Holiday Avenue.

The paper has undergone many incarnations since its founding as the Granite City Herald. It became the Granite City Press-Record and moved to its present location at 1815 Delmar Ave. in the 1920s. In 1944, C.E. "Corky" Townsend leased the Press-Record from E.E. Campbell and bought the paper three years later.

Townsend began working at the paper in the 1920s and would be associated with it for

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JOHN PRESSE/Press-Record

The look of the Press-Record has changed considerably over the years.

Tanker crashes, spills oil

By Linda N. Waller
Telegraph staff writer

A Missouri fuel tanker driver lost control of his truck and crashed into a guardrail and yield sign early Tuesday as he accelerated up a westbound ramp to Interstate 270 from Illinois Route 3, finally tipping and rolling over about 30 feet down a grassy hill.

The four-compartment truck with an 8,000-gallon tank was carrying a mixed load of hydraulic fluid and motor oil, said Tom Powell, environmental protection specialist for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

A large quantity leaked to form a pond two or three inches deep and (See SPILL, Page 5A)

SOS received

Armed Forces Museum may move to Cahokia

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

The Armed Forces Museum of St. Louis may have found a new home to set up camp.

After a decade ensconced at the Charles Melvin Price Support Base in Granite City, the storehouse of military equipment treasures must move by March 31.

The City of Cahokia received the museum's SOS, first published in the Granite City Journal in October, and may be able to provide a permanent home.

Retired Civil Air Patrol Capt. Carol Venable, museum director and a Ferguson, Mo., resident, said museum officials are upbeat that they'll get a new home.

"We had met last Friday with the mayor of Cahokia, who said they'd like to have (the museum) in their town," Venable said.

Cahokia city officials showed Venable and others around the town. Venable said he liked the location, which

"I think it certainly would be an attribute to the community. (But it is) not a done deal by any stretch of the imagination."

Larry Turner
Cahokia official

is within sight of and easy striking distance of downtown St. Louis. "They seem real upbeat that they can provide us with a building," Venable said.

Larry Turner, Cahokia Economic Development Commission chairman, said the village is interested in the museum.

"I think it certainly would be an attribute to the community," he said. However, he cautioned that the move

is "not a done deal by any stretch of the imagination."

"We have met with (museum officials) and we have interest in trying to get them here," Turner said. "We're trying to keep the process going."

The museum is home to many rare and historically valuable pieces of military equipment, including:

• Three extremely rare prototype Jeeps.

The 14th M-50 main battle tank ever built. Its hull and turret were cast at Granite City Steel.

• A Czechoslovakian-made version of a German Army half-track.

• A UH-1 Huey used in the Vietnam War, one of the few remaining examples.

The U.S. Army wants the museum off the base because the military needs the space. Last fall, the Army closed off the museum, and would only allow extremely limited access to it by museum officials.

Venable and the others were faced (See MUSEUM, Page 3A)

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OPINION

CAROL'S COMMENTS

Jagger's lips too big for Poag amphitheater

Naivete has its charms occasionally I suppose, but generally it's a source of amusement. I suppose the Brooklyn Bridge, investors in Everglades acreage.

My personal favorite was the credulous lad from the boon-docks in an old song, whose sole entertainment was going down to the local station every sunset, just to watch the evening train "come rollin' in" until one night he succumbed to temptation, boarded her with only his hat and \$14 and went huntin' romance and, possibly, a life of sin.

The simple youth ended up in Kansas City, where he met a fellow who leered at him and asked if he'd like to step around. "Yep, that's where I'm here for!" he responded, gave the guy his 14 bucks to fix things up, and waited in vain for his return.

Finally concluding that he'd never see the fellow (or money), again, all he wanted was to "go back to where I come from, where the honeysuckle smelled so sweet it hurt my nose," and he sang the nightingale was singin' in the lilac bush.

The sadder-but-wiser lad came to mind when I first learned of the recently proposed amphitheater that Sonic Group, Inc. would like to build on some 35 acres off New Poag Road at the edge of the SIUE campus.

The entertainment center, according to the figures, would have indoor seating for about 7,500 and lawn seating for about 40,000. Sonic is seeking annexation to Edwardsville.

Also, Wood River lawyer Thomas Lakin and Rick Jones, owner of Triad Industries, want to build an even larger, 70,000-seat facility at the edge of Wood River at an estimated cost of \$90 million. The project would include a permanent concert hall with 8,500 indoor seats.



Carol Clarkin

Either proposed project would make St. Louis County's Riverport, with a capacity of 21,000 look like small potatoes, indeed. Both are banking on locations near the still incomplete northern extension of I-255 (officially not a part of the Interstate highway system) for provision of easy access for all those concert-bound customers.

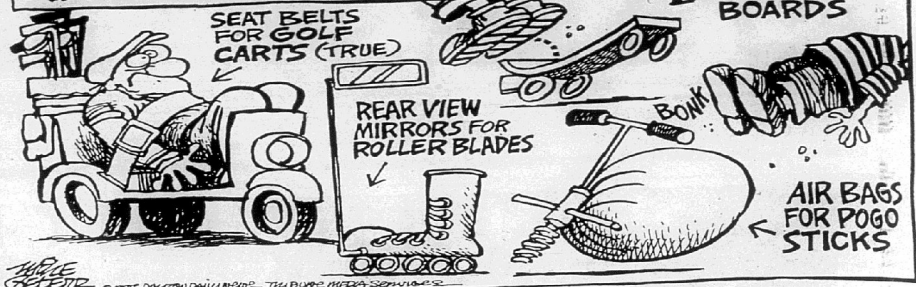
At a public hearing last week at Edwardsville's City Hall, the crowd of residents, most of whom were protesters, was so large that overflow seating had to be provided in the hall outside the council chamber. No official action was taken at either the hearing itself or the city council meeting that followed it. Nor should there have been.

While I was not one of those attending, I'd like to align myself with those opposing the Sonic Amphitheater and for a number of reasons. On a personal level, I use New Poag Road a great deal and like it immensely just as it is. For the time being, I used the Old Poag Road a lot.

It's a nice, pastoral area. I have a number of friends who live in the general area and there's not a doubt in my mind that their lives (and in some cases, their rhinoceroses) will be adversely affected.

As for the Lakin-Jones proposal, that's Wood River's problem, but should either plan succeed, I'd prefer that if the day ever comes when the Rolling Stones come to Madison County, Mick Jagger will be strutting his stuff off Illinois 143.

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FARM GUY

Hunting experience nets diversion, little else

Well, you may immediately think this is a story about farming since I am the farm guy and I usually write about agriculture issues. This week I decided we needed a break from the meat and potato issues we face every day.

My day in the field experience took place about two weeks ago when a farmer we will call him Bob for short — friend of mine (yes I have friends) called and invited me to go quail hunting the following day.

Anyway, we invited another friend along. We'll call him Kevin for lack of a better name and besides if I use his real name his wife would find out he wasn't at work that day.

On with the hunt, we agreed we would all meet at Bob's house since he had the dogs, the shells, the places to go and his wife was fixing chili for



David Schumacher

lunch. We loaded the dogs in the truck along with all our gear and headed for what I thought would be an enjoyable day in the field.

It wasn't long and we had arrived at a spot where Bob knew there would be birds.

The excitement started to build as we prepared for the hunt. I uncased my trusty Remington 870 pump, ventilated rib 12 gauge, Bob pulled out his old reliable and Kevin took out some fancy over-and-under

that looked brand new. I thought we were ready, but no-ooo. We had to put the trackers on the dogs.

Now if you have never heard of a tracker, it is a device you put on the dog's collar and it sounds like a backhoe tractor backing up. You know, beep, beep, it helps keep track of the dogs.

Up to this point I haven't said much about the two high-powered pointer dogs. It was hard to tell what their real names were. Bob called them something different every time they did something wrong.

As a whole they did a good job if you overlook the young people involved is insignificant compared to benefits of retaining the airport. Let's quit griping and call it progress.

On with the hunt. It wasn't long and the dogs were on point. There is nothing more exciting in the field to see a pair of good solid dogs work — except maybe when you step

in and flush the quail. It startles me every time.

We were working a creek bank after lunch and this where it really got exciting. The dogs went on point and Bob fell in a ditch and couldn't get out.

Kevin and I couldn't decide between going after the birds and getting Bob out of the ditch. We helped Bob out, missed the birds, loaded the dogs in the truck and came home.

It was a cold windy day and we didn't get a lot of birds, but it was still a pretty good day in the field.

Always remember when hunting, ask permission before you hunt, shut the gate behind you and be sure of your target. Good luck on your next trip out.

David Schumacher is the farm director for 550 KTRS AM radio in St. Louis.

READER SURVEY RESPONSES

Nearly 250 people from all over the St. Louis area responded to the Journal's survey on proposed Lambert Airport expansion. The tally was 193 against it, 49 for it.

We need to expand to become a premier airport in the country. Lambert has a huge economic impact to the St. Louis region. Our elected officials should put their efforts in making the expansion process move as smooth and as quickly as possible, with the best interests of the whole St. Louis region rather than their own personal benefit. And being a union electrician, it would be great for the construction industry. The W-1W plan would move the flight pattern over my home, causing an increase in the noise level.

Joe and Therese Sesti
St. John, 63114

I believe the expansion is necessary. It will bring more jobs to St. Louis and in the long run is an investment to the St. Louis metropolitan community. The buyout of residents and businesses should be made attractive, and I believe should speed the process. If Lambert stagnates, so will the community.

Rick Deppe
St. Louis, 63011

I am not in favor of W-1W because I feel we have not gotten complete information. The Airline Pilots Association does not think it is safe or good. We need a thorough airing of their opinions. Let's use MidAmerica Airport so Lambert doesn't need to expand.

Joan Botwinick
University City, 63130

If the airport must expand according to FAA rules then A-1A is probably the best alternative. However, I believe that business travel that pays the bills for air travel will shrink dramatically as video-conferencing and the Internet take over many of the business needs. I believe that the FAA rule on runway separation is stupid. They seem to believe that if a plane crashes on one runway, the other main runway must be out of site of the first runway.

Loren L. Lohman
Creve Coeur, 63141

The pilots and air controllers say it's wrong. It will never be a first-class airport because of lack of land. They will need more land in the future. With a cost of \$2 (billion) to \$3 billion when you can build second airport for \$500-\$600 million 30 to 60 miles out I wonder if any other city would knock down 2,000 homes in their area for airport expansion.

Joe Mondrak
Spanish Lake

The south plan S-1A has been deemed operationally superior by the FAA. Even though it is slightly more expensive, the return of a more efficient facility should justify the cost. However, arriving and departing flights would have to fly over Clayton and Ladue. I don't suppose residents of these two cities would be opposed to S-1A because noise increase would be minimal. Better operation, slightly more money, minimal noise increase would seem to make S-1A the plan to go with. Let's ask the cities affected by S-1A what they think. I'd bet the response would be no different than that of W-1W.

Dan Drier
St. Peters, 63376

I think that if W-1W is approved, within the next 10 years the airport will once again be boxed in. More money should be used to make MidAmerica a first-class airport. The politicians and Missouri are the main push behind W-1W.

Charles Forster
St. Louis, 63123

The airport is the lifeblood of this city. It was begun in 1914. At first no one knew what was coming, but it went along as people knew what was coming but still went on building. Unless they can expand, the city will go down.

F. Held
Kirkwood, 63122

Instead of expansion why not a different location? Everyone who flies is fearful of big airports. Too much in one area. Lambert should not be the only one. Cost would not be a factor if lives were saved.

Jan Werstein
Afton, 63123

When one compares the pluses versus the minuses with regard to W-1W, there is but one decision to be made — expansion.

W.M. and M.J. Uhlemeyer
O'Fallon, Mo., 63366

We moved to St. Charles from Normandy to get away from the airport noise. We lived on the edge of Normandy near Ferguson and Cool Valley from 1954 to 1987. There were always citizens from the town meetings and the airport authorities promised to remedy the situation by making our homes noise proof. However, nothing was ever done to alleviate the problem. I am sure if W-1W goes through history will repeat itself. We will be faced with the same problems and will receive the same empty promises and nothing will be done about noise abatement. Sadly this time we will be financially unable to move.

Carl and Doris Schuler
St. Charles, 63301

I am a former employee of TWA, and I feel that to expand the airport into Bridgeton is totally insane, especially for an airline that can't seem to make any money. If St. Louis wanted room for expansion, they should have never let anything be constructed near the airport (in a 5-mile diameter). St. Louis should take a clue from Denver. Close the current airport and build a new airport 20 miles west near Wentzville and allow only commercial/industrial contained growth to allow for expansion in the future. Or, use MidAmerica for what it was built for — a new, world class airport that will not destroy the lives of 1,900 families.

James Monarch
Festus, 63028

Let Lambert expand. Most of the commercial airplanes were manufactured by McDonnell Douglas/Boeing. Let's not bite the hands that feed us. I'm a frequent flier and love the convenience of the airport.

S.M. Anderson
St. Charles, 63301

I have been awakened in the morning by TWA's early flights landing, and I have had conversations drowned out in midday by TWA's departing flights. So, I can sympathize with residents of Bridgeton and my fellow residents of St. Charles. But, the expansion of the airport is so important that I'm willing to put up with more noise and I'm even willing to see people relocated. The airport is the economic engine that drives much of North County and much of St. Charles County. We would be fools to lose the airport to St. Clair County simply because we were too busy fighting among ourselves to see what was about to happen. St. Louis has been outstripped by Atlanta, Dallas and Denver, with their new airports. We must again get competitive and we are to have a future here. TWA cannot split its hub; it will either be at Lambert or at MidAmerica but not at both. Has anyone noticed how progressive (aggressive) is St. Clair County? They build an airport while we bicker among ourselves. They build MetroLink while we vote it down.

Jim Seamon
St. Charles, 63301

St. Louis will most likely follow the path of other major cities like Chicago. Chicago outgrew Midway Airport and built O'Hare Airport. It was overcrowded and Midway was re-opened for smaller and commuter planes. Now, both are getting overloaded and they are talking about a third airport near Joliet, Ill. Now,

we in Illinois have a second airport, ready to open. Increasing demand will sooner or later force the use of MidAmerica.

John M. Goodwin
Collinsville, Ill. 62234

Retaining Lambert means convenience, employment, economy of area. Several in area who sold said prices were fair. The few people involved is insignificant compared to benefits of retaining the airport. Let's quit griping and call it progress.

Dr. J.W. Mueller
St. Charles, 63301

Try MidAmerica Airport for 10 years. It could benefit downtown St. Louis business. Use part of the \$2.2 billion to complete payment of the noise abatement program for Ferguson, Cool Valley, etc.

Frank Guercio
Cool Valley, 63121

Progress. Move ahead or move backwards. It is our future.

Rose Martia
Concord Village, 63128

Dallas and Houston airports which are 20 miles from downtown; MidAmerica Airport would also be 20 miles from downtown. That distance is negligible especially with interstate highways available now. I vote for MidAmerica.

Ruth Richmond
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Hearing set on Dunbar housing proposal

City will take public comments Feb. 5 on plan to build new homes on old school property

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A public hearing on the old Dunbar School site in Madison is set for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at the West Madison Recreation Center, 901 Jefferson.

The city is considering working with developers to place houses on the lot.

"We want to get a feel of the community as to how they feel about building new homes," said Mayor John Hamm. "Some people are for having homes built, some want to

"We want to get a feel of the community as to how they feel about building new homes."

John Hamm
Madison mayor

leave it as green area." He said the Council has been looking into allowing a developer to

place homes — possibly concrete homes in the \$70,000 range — on the property as part of a plan to improve the city's housing stock.

"(Madison County) Community Development is out there to give a hand, but qualified people would have to apply," Hamm said.

Hamm added that he is seeking to build at least one new home in each of the city's four wards in the near future.

At the Dunbar site, he said he was looking for five or six homes on the site.

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Hamm said the city would not allow rental property.

As part of the overall plan to improve the city's housing stock, the Street Department has been demolishing derelict houses.

"We've taken down about 20 houses, either by the people signing them over to us to tear down or going through the courts," Hamm said.

He added that the city plans to do another 15 or so homes by the summer.

"We're getting rid of a lot of the messes in town," he said.

However, he said, attracting new construction is also important.

"Something to put them back on the tax rolls," he said. "We can tear them down all day long, but we also need to build something back."

In many cases, the lot size of the demolished homes creates problems.

Under present zoning regulations, home lots must have a width of at least 50 feet. Many of the older homes were placed on 25-foot lots.

Bond relected for 2 in killing

Death penalty may be sought

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

A federal magistrate judge ruled Tuesday that there is "sufficient and substantial evidence" for Richard Abein and Guy Westmoreland to face murder conspiracy charges.

Judge Gerald B. Cohn ordered Abein, 43, of south St. Louis County, and Westmoreland, 35, of Florissant, Mo., to be held without bond until trial.

Prosecutors say they may seek the death penalty in the case.

Special Agent John Wasmuth, of the Illinois State Police, testified Tuesday in federal court in East St. Louis that another person may have been involved in the shooting death of Debra Abein Dec. 27 at Parks College in Sauget.

So far, Abein, who was Debra Abein's husband, and Westmoreland are the only ones charged in the killing.

Investigators from the Illinois State Police have said the alleged conspiracy to kill Debra Abein came to light after Abein's husband, Richard, failed a lie-detector test and implicated Westmoreland.

Westmoreland, who owns a service station in St. Louis, has said his employee, DeAndre Lewis of St. Louis, was the trigger man.

Lewis, who has not been charged in connection with Abein's murder, is being held

in St. Louis on unrelated federal weapons and drug charges. He has admitted being present at the shooting but has denied being the killer.

Richard Abein owns Jeffco Trucking in St. Louis, located near Westmoreland's service station.

Wasmuth also testified that Abein arranged to meet Westmoreland at a motel room in an undisclosed Illinois location, where police arrested Westmoreland for the murder. Wasmuth said Abein also implicated Westmoreland in setting up the murder.

After Tuesday's hearing, Westmoreland's attorney — Richard Burke of St. Louis — said he believes Abein is framing his client.

"Frankly, what Mr. Abein wants to do is his business," Burke said. "But when he starts to destroy the lives of other people, that's serious."

Burke also questioned whether anyone else was involved in the killing, despite Agent Wasmuth's contention that another person was involved.

"(The Illinois State Police) talked to him and why he is not here is a little unusual, don't you think?" Burke said.

Billings of St. Louis, said there is no evidence that Abein entered into any murder-for-hire scheme for any amount of money.

"It didn't happen," Burke said.

•Museum

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with the unhappy prospect of moving all the museum pieces without the military's help, but the Army has done an about-face and is offering to help.

"The Army at the Price Center is pledging support for the move," Venable said. "They've really been bending over backward (to help)."

The museum provides military vehicles for many patriotic and historical events, including the upcoming 21st annual World War II re-enactment at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis County, scheduled for the end of April. Museum officials plan to help stage a battle between Allied and Nazi forces, with museum vehicles as participants.

The museum will also participate in Cahokia's 300th anniversary party in a few years.

To get ready for the April show, museum officials have set up a "support" base on Broadway in Alton, thanks in part to a generous Alton man.

"We'll have eight to nine vehicles restored to historic military service when the weather breaks," Venable said.

He said he hopes the museum can keep the small Alton facility along with whatever main facility they end up moving to.

"We hope to have a grand opening in Alton when the weather gets warm," Venable said.

Museum officials are seeking volunteers to help with all aspects of the museum. For information, call (314) 522-9194.

Zoo to hold job fairs in next few weeks

The St. Louis Zoo will hold job fairs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in The Living World on four dates — Jan. 25, Feb. 7, Feb. 28 and March 21.

The Zoo is seeking energetic, responsible and service-oriented people for part-time positions.

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Over the top — For the third year in a row, the Granite City Auxiliary Police has exceeded its goal for the year's Christmas toy drive. On Dec. 15, the Auxiliary delivered 173 toys to the Mayor's Annual Christmas Dinner. For the first time, the unit also presented a needy family a gift basket. Pictured, from left in front row, are: Frank Kirchner, Bill Rozell and Shane Wright; back row, John Grady, Rich Siedhoff, Jim Dutko, Larry Earney, Mark Dowdy, John Bonvicino, Scott Wilson, Matt Mauer and Nathan Branding.

Fee for prisoners approved

A \$*30 daily fee will be charged to other municipalities

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A \$30 daily fee for housing prisoners from other law enforcement agencies was one of two ordinances approved by the Madison City Council Tuesday.

The other ordinance establishes a parking area for Street Department workers near the old city hall on Third Street across from the Street Department garage.

That action is part of the process of transferring possession of the old city hall to the Madison County Probation Department.

Action on the prisoner fee had been postponed at the last meeting so Police Chief Steve Skoklo and City Attorney Casper Nighohossian could examine the liability issue.

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According to the ordinance passed Tuesday, liability for the prisoner, as well as any other cost associated with keeping them, will be paid by the agency bringing in the prisoners.

The city will now charge the fee to house and feed prisoners for law enforcement agencies that do not have their own holding facilities.

For the Madison Police Department, that would apply primarily to prisoners from the Pontoon Beach Police Department.

Madison, Venice and Granite City occasionally house prisoners for each other.

Skoklo had proposed charging the fee in a memo to Mayor John Hamm.

The new parking area will be immediately south of the David Cannole Shopping Center.

It will be restricted to city employees only from 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

The Madison County Board recently approved a lease agreement with the city for the old city hall, which will become one of two satellite offices for the Probation Department.

Other agencies, such as drug rehab and social workers will also work out of the building.

The city is not charging the county rent for the building, but according to the lease, the county will be responsible for the upkeep on the building. Renovation work on the building is under way.

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revenue received by cities and other taxing bodies is frozen, and any increase in tax revenue is placed in a special account to be used only inside the district.

Andria's letter listed several objections, including damage to wetlands, potential flooding, a proposed industrial area to the north, and also complained about the city's handling of the Dec. 23 public hearing on the plan.

Included in the expansion boundaries are prime farmland, environmentally sensitive areas near and adjacent to the state conservation area of Horseshoe Lake, and land deemed highly desirable because of its proximity to the Gateway International Raceway — all of which violates the spirit of TIF requirements that an area be "lighted," the letter said.

It also said the expanded TIF district

contains "important" stormwater storage areas and other flood prone areas — citing residential areas of Cloverleaf and Eagle Park Acres.

"Without responsible stormwater management, vast areas of paved parking lots and buildings could cause flooding on the highway, on local roads, even on the race track itself — and the golf course could end up a swamp," the letter said.

Andria said the group also "objects to the fact that the hearing for this expansion was held on Dec. 23, the day before Christmas Eve."

She also said there was no notice given to local citizens who might have wanted to attend.

"The timing of the hearing and the placement of the notice gives the appearance that citizen participation was not truly wanted at this public hearing," the letter said.

Official notices appeared in the *Belle-Ville News-Democrat* because, according to City Attorney Casper Nighohossian, there was not enough time to place all the necessary notices in the *Granite City Press-Record* because of its publishing schedule.

About 25 people attended the hearing. Questions ranged from the use of "quick-take" to the expansion's effect on wetlands, with Andria asking many of the questions.

At the hearing, Nighohossian said that the city had no plans to develop wetlands, and noted that 30 acres in the eastern part of the district would be set up as a conservation area.

Wednesday, Mayor John Hamm said developing stormwater plans would occur later, when developers came up with specific proposals for the area.

Money means highway plans move forward

By Becky Vollmer
Telegraph staff writer

Plans to widen Highway 159 from Edwardsville to Collinsville recently took another step forward with the allocation of \$1.8 million in state funds to buy land along the highway.

"This additional land will allow us to expand Route 159 to a four-lane facility in the future," Gov. Jim Edgar said.

in a statement.

"Increased traffic congestion and rapid commercial growth in the Edwardsville area dictate the need to provide for a more efficient highway system," Edgar said. "Right-of-way acquisition is the necessary first step."

The release of funds to buy land, however, doesn't indicate the start of construction, a state Department of Transportation official warned.

"There's no money to build anything at this time," IDOT District Engineer Jim Easterly said Monday, adding that he does not know when construction might begin.

State Rep. Jay Hoffman, chairman of the House Transportation Committee, said hopes work on the project will begin "sooner better than later."

"I'm going to be in there fighting for (funding) this thing," said Hoffman, D-Collinsville.

Easterly said it could take a year or two to acquire the property needed.

If any property owner holds out and does not take advantage of the buyout, which Easterly said is offered at fair market value, the state does have quick-take rights to the right-of-way property, he said.

That would enable IDOT to take possession of the land and settle the amount later in a jury trial, he said.

"If we don't address this situation in the very near future, the increased traffic congestion is going to snarl the economic expansion not only in Glen Carbon and Edwardsville, but also between Fairview Heights and Collinsville," he said.

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Editor's note: This article appeared last year after Townsend's death.
By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

He was known as "Corky" to friends and family, and to the Granite City area, he was the source for everything and anything happening in the Quad-Cities.

C.E. "Corky" Townsend, former owner, editor and publisher of the Granite City Press-Record, died Oct. 8.

Townsend was associated with the Press-Record for a half-century. He became a cub reporter in 1927 for \$5 a week, and remained with the paper after its move to 1815 Delmar Ave. in Granite City. In 1944, Townsend leased the Press-Record from E.E. Campbell and bought the paper three years later.

Townsend and his wife, Ruth, and their daughters, Patricia and Nancy, continued ownership until they sold it to the Post Corp. in 1970. Townsend then passed on editor and later publisher duties to William Winter, the first person Townsend hired in the mid-1940s.

Winter, who died in 1995, considered Townsend his mentor.

"I was the first reporter Corky Townsend hired after he began buying the paper from Ed Campbell," Winter wrote in 1985. "I should have paid him, instead of him paying me, due to the training the job offered."

Townsend was a life-long resident of Granite City until he retired to Branson, Mo. His entire professional career was at the newspaper.

In 1974, when he retired as publisher, he reminisced about his career highlights. He worked hours that were long, but also "interesting and exciting."

One of the first stories he covered was a tornado that destroyed a house in the Quad-Cities area. He reported on the tornado for the Press-Record.

"I began covering sports and general news in 1945 after serving as a Press-Record carrier in the early 1940s. I became a staff writer in 1946, associate editor in 1948 and editor from 1950 to 1980. Although I've trimmed my hours in the 1980s, I'm actively involved as chief of the copy desk for the Press-Record/Journal, Journal and Press-Record."

"I was the first reporter Corky Townsend hired after he began buying the paper from Ed Campbell. As he said, I should have paid him, instead of him paying me, due to the training the job offered. We wrote births, deaths and 'everything in between.'"

It was and is exciting; it was dangerous, too. In support of our goal good government — we fought corruption and it fought back. We won a lot of awards for journalistic courage, and felt we deserved them.

I recall Corky being followed by hoodlums in a big, menacing auto, I stopped by the newsroom late one night and discovered the auto had been damaged by 45-caliber bullets; two of our glass blocks still don't match because they replaced blocks shattered by the gunfire. I remember when a gun was wanted as a fellow reporter. I recall another reporter being partially choked by a gangster Boss Buster Wortman's nephew in a Granite City restaurant.

Times have changed. It's a bigger and better community now, and staff members like to think they helped make it so. They certainly tried to be accurate, objective and considerate but they didn't duck difficult assignments.

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C.E. "Corky" Townsend

er, Townsend also covered organized crime.

"In the years that followed, there were scores of gangland killings. This area seemed to be a dumping ground for victims twice there were triple slayings."

"Gambling and vice flourished, as well as slot machines and the numbers racket," Townsend said. "Dogtracks opened and closed, and bullet-proof cars were in vogue. Banks and casinos were held up. Kidnappings made news."

Townsend crusaded against all the criminal activity, and helped bring about change.

"These events were reported, and the newspaper vigorously editorialized until law and order were fully restored in the 1960s," he said.

Winter remembered that covering crime was exciting and dangerous. He remembered Townsend being followed by "hoodlums" in a big, menacing auto.

Another time, someone with a 45-caliber pistol shot a couple of holes in the Press-Record building.

"In support of our goal — good government — we fought corruption and it fought back. We won a lot of awards for journalistic coverage and we deserved them," Winter wrote.

In honor of his tireless crusading, sometimes life-threatening, against organized gambling and vice, Townsend was given the 1985 Meritorious Civic Achievement Award cup.

Townsend was very active in the community and championed several issues and concepts that are now integral parts of the area. He was instrumental in the drive for the ice rink and recreation center in Wilson Park, and helped establish Civic Park in downtown Granite City.

Among the awards Corky Townsend received were:

- The 1955 Meritorious Civic Achievement Award for crusading against organized gambling and vice.
- Second place in the 1956 judging for the Elijah Lovejoy "Courage in Journalism."
- Illinois Editor of the Year for 1957 for outstanding journalistic achievement.
- The U.S. Army's Patriotic Citizen award in 1959.
- The "master editor" title, by the Southern Illinois Editorial Association in 1965. The "golden em" award, given to master editors, symbolizing membership in the Southern Illinois Editor's Hall of Fame.
- A 1966 honor from the Granite City Park District for supporting bringing in a large ice rink to Wilson Park and the establishment of Civic Park in downtown Granite City.

Among the fraternal, governmental and other organizations Townsend belonged to included:

- The Missouri-Illinois Metropolitan Plan Association.
- Bi-State Development Agency, which he helped form.
- Illinois Traffic Study Commission, which included guiding the planning of new highway routes.
- National Rivers and Harbors Commission.
- Madison County Citizens Planning Committee.
- St. Elizabeth Hospital board chairman.
- St. Louis Symphony Society board of directors.
- Elks Lodge #1063.
- The Masonic Lodge.
- Illinois Press Association.
- Granite City Rotary Club.

In 1967, Townsend served as honorary chairman of a successful campaign for more than \$1 million to help build the Doctor's Wing of St. Elizabeth.

He always followed a political philosophy that kept the newspaper from becoming an advocate for either party, and was quick to praise public officials for meritorious actions but did not hesitate to keep watch on all governmental bodies.

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Newspaper crusader

'Corky' Townsend's legacy lives on

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Old issues of the Granite City Herald, a precursor of the Press-Record, and the Press-Record show how the paper's look has changed over the years.

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SIU Selects Sunset Hill Site For Second Campus; Architects Making Study

Two GC Youths Charged With Auto Larceny

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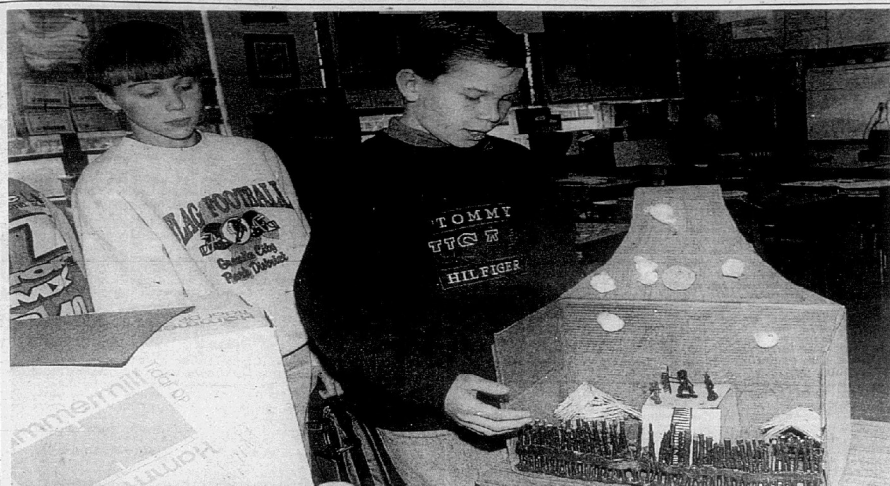
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JOHN FRESE / Press-Record

Display — Frohard student Nicholas Yount, above left, watches as Alex Kwiatkowski explains what his diorama depicts. The village shown is from the culture that build Cahokia Mounds.

Teacher Nancy Marti's class took the computer pictures the students made and put them on a website. At left, Adam Conner describes his project.

At bottom left, Amanda Dowdy calls up a picture of a diorama built by classmates. It depicts an Indian village.

Meeting set on highway relocation

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

An "open house" meeting on the Illinois Department of Transportation's proposed relocation of Illinois 3 between Sauget and Venice will be held in East St. Louis.

The meeting is set for 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at the East St. Louis city hall, 301 River Park Drive.

"The meeting is to gather information and show folks what we have to date," said IDOT Project Engineer Tom Siekmann. "We anticipate Phase 1 engineering to be completed in late 1998, and could begin detailed construction plans soon after."

IDOT has had long-standing plans to make major improvements to Illinois 3 from Venice to Sauget.

The proposed alignment begins approximately 2,000 feet north of Broadway Avenue in Venice and ends approximately 300 feet north of Monsanto Avenue in Sauget.

The proposed improvements would consist of a four-lane road with partially-controlled highway access.

Approximately 160 acres of right-of-way will have to be acquired, and some commercial and residential property owners may be displaced.

Siekmann said the estimated cost of the project would be \$70 million.

There is no funding set for construction in IDOT's current five-year plan, but Siekmann said the proposed Mississippi River bridge and economic development in the area has increased interest in the project.

"The need is definitely there to provide access to the riverfront area," he said. "The activity down there has drawn more demand and attention to that area."

IDOT officials and consultants have said that the Illinois approach to the bridge would require the relocated Illinois 3.

During the meeting, representatives of IDOT and consultant Booker Associates Inc. will be available to provide information and answer questions. There will be no formal presentation, but interested persons will have the opportunity to make written comments regarding the proposed improvement.

The meeting site is handicapped-accessible. People planning to attend who need a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should contact IDOT at least three days prior to the meeting at 618-346-3112 (telephone), 346-3119 (fax), or 346-3396 (TTY).

Local man wins \$25,000 in lottery

Quick stop for gasoline pays off

A quick stop to fill the car with gas in St. Louis paid richly for an Illinois man after he won \$25,000 tax-paid in the Jan. 3 SHOW ME 5 drawing.

Anthony Valentino, 29, of Madison purchased his winning ticket at Montgomery's Amoco Certificate, 1100 Salisbury in St. Louis. Valentino randomly picked the winning numbers - 4, 7, 10, 13 and 16.

An assembly line worker for Chrysler Corp., Valentino discovered his good fortune Sunday evening when reading the paper. When he checked his numbers, Valentino let out a loud shout.

"It's been a happy new year so far," said Valentino, who is a frequent Lottery player. Valentino plans to use his winnings to help him move into a new house.

Twenty-eight percent federal and 4 percent state taxes are withheld from the prize amount of \$26,760 to provide \$25,000 cash at the time of redemption. Depending on personal income, winners may owe additional taxes for the prize, or they may receive a refund.

•**Spill**
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about 50 feet long at the rear of the overturned truck. Powell said the oil pool and surrounding area probably will have to be dug out to effectively clean the area.

"They'll have to excavate it or use a bio-remediator, which is very difficult in this weather," Powell said of using microbes to "eat" the pollutants.

Powell said the pool of oil was contained in a gully and there was no threat of leakage to other areas.

"The contaminant is not going anywhere, at least not quickly," he said.

Dennis Wilson, emergency response manager of React Environmental Engineers of St. Louis, said the clean-up did not appear to be difficult for his crews, who would use absorbent mats and a backhoe on the oils.

"A little bit leaked out on top, there's a drop or two on the hill. We'll use pads and maybe do a little excavating" around the oil pond, Wilson said.

Powell said React workers were planning to work into the night and, if necessary, on Wednesday to finish the clean-up.

The rollover occurred at 5:50 a.m. as driver Loren Francis Drake, 37, of St. Joseph, was entering a curved, upward incline on the southbound ramp off Route 3 and lost control of his truck.

Officials said Drake earlier had filled his truck with about 6,000 gallons of the lubricants at Conoco Inc. of Hartford prior to the crash and was headed back to St. Joseph.

Drake suffered minor injuries and was treated and released from St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Illinois State Police cited Drake for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Drake is a driver for St. Joseph Petroleum Co. in St. Joseph, Mo.

Brian Ropac, commercial vehicle enforcement officer for the State Police, said weather did not appear to be a factor in the crash.

Ropac said he planned to interview Drake to see if he may have fallen asleep after driving all night. "Petroleum haulers generally start (shifts) at night but we have to verify that," he said.

Later, investigators will check the brakes of the 1995 Peterbilt semi-truck to see whether they failed, Ropac said.

Ropac said Drake was wearing his seatbelt when the truck rolled over, crushing the cab roof.

Authorities kept the entrance ramp open until 10:15 a.m. when workers from Piasa Motor Fuels Inc. of Hartford arrived to begin setting up the truck to be pumped free of lubricants.

Bill Schrimpt, owner of Piasa Motor Fuels, said his workers cut holes in the tank and pumped out the oils into a Piasa truck.

A Piasa driver was to deliver the liquids to St. Joseph on Wednesday.

A crew from Trickey's Service Inc. of Wood River had secured the mangled truck's tank in place following the accident so the oil could be pumped out of the tank's compartments.

Mid-afternoon Trickey's owner Steve Kainz and workers hauled the mangled truck away.

Capt. Gene Copper of the Mitchell Fire Department said over the years many truckers have lost control of their vehicles on the curving entrance ramps in the I-270 and Route 3 area as they accelerate too quickly.

Another truck tipped over in the same location earlier this month, carrying canned tomatoes, Copper said.

He said a similar truck accident occurred in December on another ramp at the I-270/Route 3 cloverleaf.

"There have been two in this month and one on the other ramp last month. Over the last 20 years, I couldn't count how many (truck accidents) there have been, maybe 60 or 70," Copper said.

Eagle hike set for Saturday

The Watershed Nature Center is sponsoring an Eagle Hike Saturday.

We will meet at the Nature Center at 9 a.m. After a short program on eagles by a trained naturalist we will carpool along the River Road, stopping at some viewing areas, and then take the Bruce Perry to Mark Twain Wildlife Refuge.

We will continue on to Pere Marquette State Park and the guided tour will end there by approximately 2 p.m. Experienced naturalists will be available for questions during the trip.

Please bring binoculars and be prepared for the cold. Some bird guides and binoculars will be provided, but there is a limited supply. If it is raining or too warm, the event will be canceled, so please call to confirm.

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NEWS



JOHN SWISTAK JR. / Press-Record

A family affair— This litter of 8-week-old Dalmatian/Doberman mix puppies are available for adoption from the Madison County Humane Society, Collinsville Shelter. Three are chocolate and white, and three are black and white. A mix of males and females, they are very playful and full of fun. To adopt one (Kennel D-573-578), apply in person at the shelter, 298 Simpson Place, or call 344-0109. Shelter hours are 11 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Miss America to visit BAC

On Feb. 1, Bethany Place, along with Phi Theta Kappa, will host a reception for 1998 Miss America, Kate Shindle, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the Belleville Area College Campus. During her two-day visit, Miss America will be making her first regional appearance at the Bethany Place fund-raising event. Kate has served as both a volunteer and spokesperson for the HIV/AIDS prevention effort in Illinois and now throughout the country. Bethany Place, a not-for-profit organization, is dedicated to serving all people who are living with HIV/AIDS. The organization offers an outreach program to teens and adults in the community as well as services in art therapy, pastoral care, medical care, testing site, food outreach and transitional housing (opening 1998) to individuals throughout a seven-county area. All proceeds from the Miss America reception will help fund the services Bethany Place currently offers.

•Winter

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I've been fortunate. I've seen much of the world. I've been to many places and seen Eisenhower, Johnson and Ford, not to mention industrial and union chiefs. John Kennedy spoke in 1960 at Bellemore and the Venice American Legion. I've had long talks with gov-

ernors and been appointed to commissions by some of them. I've seen two popes. I've served as an Army sergeant. I've worked 40 hours straight covering the Seattle plant tragedy in 1961. I've headed the Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Red Cross, PTA, Boy Scouts and Rotary. I've been able to assist college, hospital and school projects, the Salvation Army, the YMCA, DeMolays and Junior Achievement.

I led a successful UW drive here after it had failed for eight years; it has done well ever since. Local people are not only friendly but generous. Southern Illinois editors chose me as a master editor listed in the Journalism Hall of Fame. I've been selected as writing the year's best editor. These things are mentioned to show that my work has been rewarding to me, and I didn't spend all my time at a type-

writer or computer terminal. For the many long hours I've worked, my wife and son have been understanding. My hope is that the newspaper has been rewarding not only to the staff but to every reader. Democracy clearly functions best when there is an informed electorate. We mirrored the debates and the decisions to enlighten taxpayers who were unable to attend. We've reported a lot of "instant history," aware that when the lessons of history are ignored, "solved" problems can recur.

Many memorable persons come to mind, including John Marshall, a Granite City Steel chairman who fought for a local harbor as part of the construction of the eight-mile-long, Chain of Rocks Canal; the harbor was carved out in 1953 and its terminal was dedicated in 1955.

My church, St. John on

Bill Winter

Nameoki Road, dates back to June 28, 1862, so it's apparent a lot happened here before the newspaper. Except for Indians, the first resident arrived in the spring

of 1802; our files of regular issues only go back to the spring of 1903.

Key dates: Madison County was formed in 1812, six years before Illinois. The river ferry began in 1815. Six Mile Prairie began as a settlement in 1817. The first Methodist church started meeting in 1830. Railroad service reached here in 1856 and a school was built in 1858. The Merchants Bridge linked St. Louis to Venice in 1891. The Niedringhaus family bought local land to build industries and homes in 1892. A ladies' club, the Coterie, was formed in 1896, the same year the first hospital opened in what is now the Quad-City area (Mitchell and the municipalities of Venice, Madison, Granite City and Pontoon Beach).

So much for ancient history. Now the past 40 years: The Army Depot continued as a major base long after its role in World War II. War plants converted to peacetime. In 1946, five died in a two auto crash on the highway south of Madison and the Washington Theater burned. Two war memorial recreation centers were dedicated in Madison in 1948. Granite City and Nameoki merged in 1949. Urban and rural schools here combined in 1950. State police that year, ordered by Gov. Adlai Stevenson, raided and closed two casinos. The Hyde Park Club in Venice and 200 Club in Madison. Violent winds toppled a grandstand and injured many at 1994 Salute to the Depot ceremonies following a giant parade.

A.O. Smith Corp. built its auto parts plant in 1954. Efforts to rid this area of mob-run gambling and vice began in 1963. Major fires struck downtown Granite City in 1947 and 1957. Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville opened in 1965. Completion of new schools continued as voters approved repeated bond issues. A rooftop ice skating rink was opened in Wilson Park in 1967. Big fires hit a Tri-City Port warehouse in 1969, Granite City High School in 1970, the Rose Bowl Restaurant in 1971, a Madison residential area in 1972 and the Bellemore Village shopping center Dec. 26, 1984.

Other highlights included construction of Interstate 270 and Highway 3 installation of stormwater and sanitary sewers, and widening of Nameoki Road and Maryville Road. Quad-City students won state championships in many sports and in academic and vocational fields. The happiest single memory of 40 years of news? Granite City was selected as an All-American City in 1959 because of its effective citizen action — good citizenship and follow-through that would have been impossible without spirited dialogue and this newspaper.

'Dream come true' ending Village will take over bar

By Paul Mackie
Telegraph staff writer

When Michael Gentry bought his own bar eight years ago, it was a dream come true. But now that dream's been fulfilled and he's ready to let go of his business, Mike's Place at 198 S. Main St. in Glen Carbon, so that plans for the revitalization of Old Town may continue.

Village officials expect to pass Ordinance 98-4 tonight at their first board meeting of the year. The ordinance will authorize the execution of a real estate purchase agreement in which the village will pay Gentry \$113,000 for his land and property.

Mike's Place, a staple in the Glen Carbon community for most of the last decade and known for its good times and equally good pool playing, will be demolished soon to make way for bids from developers.

"It won't become part of (the nearby Miners') park. We're hoping there will be a restaurant in that spot," said Village Trustee Ben Maliszewski. "It will be very attractive to people to come in and develop."

Maliszewski added that once the real estate purchase is approved, the funds will be transferred from the village to Gentry on Wednesday. He will then have 30 days to vacate the premises, after which, Mike's Place will be demolished.

"(The \$113,000 deal) was OK. It wasn't as good as it

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could've been, but I'm ready to get out of the business," Gentry said.

The village agreed last August to buy the property so it could have control over the sale to the next buyer. Officials originally had no interest in removing the business but Michael and Janet Gentry wanted to sell. The property is considered a prime ingredient in developing Old Town into an historic district.

The initial option would've meant a \$125,000 transaction between the village and the Gentrys. But developer and negotiator Joiner and Associates of Edwardsville reworked the real estate purchase price down to \$113,000: \$90,000 for the property and \$23,000 for contents such as tables, coolers and fixtures.

"I think the contents will be sold off (by the village) right away so we don't have to worry about storing it after demolition," Maliszewski said.

Michael Gentry is content with the purchase price and believes now is the best time to close his doors.

"The bar business isn't what it used to be," he said. "In five years, I don't think there will be too many neighborhood taverns around anymore."

Mike's Place will be the last in a long line of businesses that have called themselves home in the small building just east of the Covered Bridge on Main Street.

NEWS IN REVIEW

Editor's note: News in Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for our town's readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record-Journals.

Shortfall won't deter Salvation Army

The Salvation Army fell just short of its fund-raising goal for the Christmas season.

Capt. Martin Collip of the Southwestern Madison County Salvation Army, which covers the Granite City, Collinsville, Edwardsville and Highland areas, said they brought in \$203,370.54 during the bell-ringing season.

This year's goal was \$220,000.

He said one of the problems was a late start on bell ringing at some locations.

Several stores would not allow bell ringers to start Nov. 14. All 32 locations were up and running by Nov. 28.

To make up the difference, he said, they would still accept donations, and might send out bell ringers in the summer.

SWIDA moves to acquire Mitchell land

The Southwestern Illinois Development Authority has begun condemnation proceedings to acquire key farmland in Mitchell for the Gateway Commerce Center light-industrial park.

Attorney Marie Bassett said SWIDA will continue to negotiate with Mary Lukas, executor of the estate of Charles Lukas, but no agreement has been reached.

He declined to make the last offer public but said it was based on an appraisal served by SWIDA.

The condemnation suit was filed in Madison County Circuit Court in December.

The 120-acre site on the east side of Highway 111, north of Interstate 270, is a key part of the Gateway Commerce Center development, a light-industrial park that includes a Dial Corp. warehouse under construction since August.

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Warriors pick up two wins

Granite City builds confidence with wins against Flyers, Devils

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Madison.

Last Friday, Granite City defeated East Side 47-35. It was the Lady Warriors' second win against the Flyers in three weeks. They had crushed East Side 51-22 at Memorial Gymnasium on Dec. 16.

Three nights later, the Lady Warriors mauled Madison 79-29. It was Granite's third win in five games,

improving their season slate to 3-12.

"The key for us is that we need a good start. Without it, we lack confidence," said Moad. "A good start makes a huge difference in the way we play. We started well against both East St. Louis and Madison, and that has enabled us to play with a lot of confidence."

Against the Flyers, GCHS was in command 12-2 after one quarter, and led 28-4 at the end of the first half. The Lady Warriors played a relaxed style thereafter and were still atop a 12-point

cushion at game's end.

Debra Aaron, who had popped in 11 points and grabbed 11 rebounds against Nashville in the Lady Warriors' last game at the Mascoutah Christmas Tournament, bagged 20 points and 10 rebounds against East Side.

"Debra is really coming along," said Moad. "She is shouldering more and more of the responsibility and is becoming a serious offensive threat. And she is making her presence felt on the boards and at the defensive end of the floor."

Aaron was supported in scoring by Erika Todd with 11 points and Jessica Wallace with seven. Against Madison, Granite City rocketed to a 37-9 first quarter lead and never looked back, routing the Trojans by 50 points.

According to records kept by the Illinois High School Association, the 37-point outburst is the 10th-best one-quarter scoring performance in girls' high school basketball.

Granite City, which pulled off its press after the first quarter, led 49-18 at the half and 69-24 after three quarters on its way to one of the most lopsided wins in school history.

"We started well. We shot well. And we did a good job of holding our positions on the press. That was the key to

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Geiger bids to give kick for Mizzou

Bob Emig

Tim Geiger didn't have to look any further than his own team to get inspiration to become a regular NCAA Division I football kicker. Geiger was part of the University of Missouri's Cinderella season in 1987, as the Tigers made a bowl appearance for the first time in 14 years. Geiger saw limited action with Mizzou, but he can take hope from teammate Scott Knickman. Knickman, a fifth-year walk-on senior, appeared for the first time in 14 years. Geiger saw limited action with Mizzou, but he can take hope from teammate Scott Knickman. Knickman, a fifth-year walk-on senior, appeared for the first time in 14 years.

Geiger's performance earned honorable mention all Big 12 honors. "I can certainly see a lot of similarities between myself and Scott," says Geiger, a Collinsville resident. "I'm a walk-on like him and am just waiting my chance. I believe I can be Missouri's No. 1 kicker next year. I'll be the only one returning with any actual field experience."

Jason Sproull, a freshman from Bloomington (Ill.), Central Catholic, was expected to be Mizzou's kicker in '97, but leg problems forced him to the sidelines. He was red-shirted.

Geiger knows there probably will be challenges from kickers like Sproull, but he's ready for it.

"I'm going to work hard and doing everything possible to become the team's No. 1 kicker," Geiger says. "I know I need to work on my strength and weight. I'll sit down with the coaching staff and it will let me know what needs to be done in the off-season."

Geiger, 6 feet and 175 pounds, will go into spring practices as a red-shirt junior. He saw no action in 1996 and '98, as he was the team's third-string kicker. His only action this season came against Ohio State on kickoffs.

Because Ohio State had a top-notch return man, Geiger was instructed to kick diagonally across the field, or "poach" kick the ball. He said he kicked the ball to the 15-yard line, from where it was returned for five yards and twice for the 30 yards.

Geiger is obviously hoping to play a bigger role for the Tigers in '98.

"I believe I can consistently kicking the ball near or in the end zone in on kickoffs," he said. "I also believe I can kick field goals in the low 50-yard range."

Geiger went through the usual rough road that a walk-on player travels to get where he is now.

"The coaching staff really tests the walk-ons to see if they really want to be there," Geiger said. "It was really tough the first year. We did a lot of running and calisthenics. It got easier as it went on, but it was tough. The coaches treat me all right now."

Geiger certainly has proven he wants to be part of Mizzou's football squad. A 1995 graduate of Althoff High School, Geiger said he had some football scholarship offers to smaller schools coming out of high school. But he opted for Mizzou.

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"I'm now at the point where I feel I can contribute more to the team. I obviously want to start, but if I don't, it won't be one of the world. What has happened at Mizzou with the football team has already been worth it."

Kahoks, Warriors in similar situations

Teams have deceptive records and are improving each game

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Granite City invades Collinsville Friday night in a clash of Southwestern Conference boys basketball teams that are both playing better than their records indicate.

For the Warriors (10-6, 2-3 SWC), it will be their fourth game in the Collinsville court this year.

"Collinsville has the advantage of playing at home, but it's not like we're walking in there for the first time this season," said Granite City coach John VanBaskirk. "We've played in the tournament. We're familiar with the gym. It's not a disadvantage like it would be if we played on their floor only once a year."

The Warriors defense, which is among the best in southern Illinois, must bend but not break to come away with a key SWC win.

"We have to play a good half-court defense to win," said VanBaskirk. "We can't let Steve Dougherty get loose again. He killed us from a 3-point range in last year's game at Collinsville. We'll have to do a much better job on him this time."

In last year's game, Dougherty hit six 3-pointers on his way to a 26-point night as the Kahoks whipped the Warriors 63-37.

Both coaches agree that whichever team shoots better Friday night should emerge the victor.

"But it won't be easy to shoot well against Granite City," added Collinsville coach Bob Bone. "Defensively, they make it very hard to do what you want to do. Their zone is very difficult to work against and it won't be easy to get good shots."

What worries Bone as much as Granite's stingy, steady defense is the Warriors' balance on offense.

"They've got five guys who are averaging

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eight or more points a game, and that's never easy to defend," said Bone. "They're a very patient team, they take good shots, and they can beat you from outside. Then throw (Dustin) Brewer into the mix, with his strength inside, and they're a very balanced team, a very good team."

The Kahoks, too, have good balance with their starters scoring between 11 and 13 points an outing and another netting nine a game.

"Collinsville can beat you inside or out, and anyone of their five starters can beat you," said VanBaskirk. "They play smart. They keep trying something until it works. Then they take advantage of it. And they're always very good in their clutch moments."

Bone has seen the Warriors and knows they are playing very good ball at the moment. In fact, Bone sees both teams as being pretty much at the same place on the season.

"We're improving every game. So is Granite City," said Bone. "Both teams are playing better than they were around Christmas. Both teams are pretty balanced. It will come down to shooting."

VanBaskirk agreed. "The team that shoots the best should win," he said.

Collinsville (9-6, 2-2 SWC) can be counted on to press full-court the entire game. And Granite City must control the ball and avoid the turnovers if it wants to bag a big conference win.

A win vaults either team into third place in the SWC behind Edwardsville (11-0, 5-0 SWC) and Belleville East (11-2, 4-1 SWC).

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Granite City will try to slow Collinsville's Jeff Rhymmer (white jersey) and the rest of the Kahoks on Friday night.

By Patrick C. Heston
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Only three of 16 teams in the Class A state boys basketball poll stayed put this week from last.

Spring Valley Hall (13-0) and Nashville (14-0) remained Nos. 1 and 2, but the Hornets closed the gap between themselves and the top spot, picking up an additional first place vote this week and trailing Hall by only 16 points.

Undefeated Farmington (14-0) jumped from sixth to third. The Farmers leapfrogged Kewanee (14-2), Chicago Leo (13-4) and Normal University (10-2).

Kewanee and Leo were among seven ranked small schools to pick up at least one loss last week. Others were Rock Island Alletman (8-4), Waterloo Gibault (13-3), Chicago St. Francis de Sales (9-5), Harrisburg (10-2) and Pittsburg.

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He's now on the verge of realizing his dreams.

"I really love to kick a football," Geiger says. "I don't think I'd be a normal student without football. The players on the team are my best friends. Because I'm on the football team, I got to do a lot of things I normally wouldn't have done."

"I'm now at the point where I feel I can contribute more to the team. I obviously want to start, but if I don't, it won't be one of the world. What has happened at Mizzou with the football team has already been worth it."

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Breese Mater Dei (11-4) made the biggest move, rising from 16th to 13th, while previously unranked Burlington Central (14-1) edged past Harrisburg (10-2) to nab the 15th slot.

There was little positioning among large schools.

Chicago Whitney Young (10-0) picked up a pair of wins last week, drubbing city rivals Marshall (70-52) and Manley (83-70) as All-American Quentin Richardson totaled 53 points and 26 rebounds. The Dolphins remained the unanimous No. 1 pick, and are one of only four large schools with unblemished records.

Second-ranked Peoria Manual (14-1) edged nationally ranked and previously unbeaten Milwaukee (Wis.) Vincent 52-51 in last week's High School Hoops

Shootout at Rockford. The Rams face their biggest test of the season on Saturday when they take on Chicago Young in the Hillsdale Proviso West Shootout.

Senior Sergio (McClain) and Marcus (Griffin) graduated, I figured the pressure would be off," said Manual coach Wayne McClain. "But these kids refuse to take a year off."

Galesburg (14-1) held steady at No. 3, but at least one area coach feels they might be over-ranked.

"Their inside game is powerful. (Rod) Thompson and (Joey) Range are not just boys—they're men," said East St. Louis coach Dwight Howard, whose Flyers lost to Galesburg on the Streets' home court in the season-opening game for both teams. "But their guards are suspect. They're vulnerable to pressure. That's what cost them against Lafayette (Mo.) in the Shootout at St. Louis. And it will prob-

ably cost them again. It's hard to contend for a state title without a pair of top-notch guards."

Moline (15-0) remained fourth, but Lincoln (11-2) with a win against Manual and a narrow loss to Milwaukee Vincent—nearly caught them and sits securely in fifth place.

Rockford Boylan (14-1) was sixth and Oak Park Fenwick (13-1) seventh. Fenwick's All-American Corey Maggette averaged 26.5 points a game and 13 rebounds a game as the Friars blasted Kankakee Bishop McNamara 77-59 and Riverside Brookfield 72-42 last week. Ironically, though standing seventh in the Illinois poll, Fenwick is ranked 13th in the USA Today national rankings—better than any other Illinois school except Chicago Young.

Elgin (14-0) remained eighth, while both New Trier (12-1) and Joliet (13-2)

scored six points or more.

"We have the luxury of being two-deep at every position," Margenthaler said. "It's as deep of a team as I've ever had and I am comfortable using any of the 10 people in different combinations. A lot of players are getting a lot of minutes."

SIU-Edwardsville, which followed up the Southern Indiana upset with a conference victory against the University of Missouri-St. Louis (76-69) on Saturday night, have four players averaging in double figures for the season with Alan Berry leading the way with an 11.9 average. Nathan Kreke (11.7), Sarnes (10.8) and Shurn (10.2) are the others.

Travis Wallbaum, who leads the team in rebounding, is at 9.2 points per game while Shawn Smoot is averaging 7.9.

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are," Margenthaler said. "Southern Indiana has as many good athletes as any team in the conference and it was a great win for us."

The Cougars trailed 34-33 at halftime but exploded for 63 second half points.

The key stretch in the game came midway through the second half when SIU-Edwardsville was able to convert four consecutive 3-pointers, three of them by Rusty Sarnes.

The Cougars finished the game with 10 treys and 32 made free throws. As has been the case all season, it was a well-balanced scoring attack for SIU-Edwardsville. Five players scored in double figures and three other players

scoring 20 points a game. So is Granite City," said Bone. "Both teams are playing better than they were around Christmas. Both teams are pretty balanced. It will come down to shooting."

VanBaskirk agreed. "The team that shoots the best should win," he said.

Collinsville (9-6, 2-2 SWC) can be counted on to press full-court the entire game. And Granite City must control the ball and avoid the turnovers if it wants to bag a big conference win.

A win vaults either team into third place in the SWC behind Edwardsville (11-0, 5-0 SWC) and Belleville East (11-2, 4-1 SWC).

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SIU-Edwardsville climbs in national rankings

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville men's basketball coach Jack Margenthaler wasn't all that concerned about the latest NCAA Division II rankings, which saw his Cougar squad jump from 25th to 21st after a pair of impressive victories last week.

"I don't pay that much attention to the rankings," Margenthaler said. "We're just going out and trying to play our best in each game."

The Cougars' best was good enough to pull off a 96-56 upset victory against Southern Indiana last Thursday night at the Vadalabene Center in Edwardsville. Southern Indiana had been ranked fifth in NCAA Division II.

"That was a very physical game, like most of our conference games

rebounding has been a strength throughout the season for the Cougars."

"I said at the beginning of the season that if we were to compete in the conference that we needed to be a strong rebounding team," Margenthaler said. "We've been outrebounded just once and that was one of our two losses."

The team concept has also worked on the defensive end of the court.

"We changed our philosophy somewhat defensively," Margenthaler said. "We're not pressuring the ball as

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SPORTS

Reaching 700

McKendree's Statham hits coaching victory milestone

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

With his 700th victory at McKendree College, Harry Statham moves into elite company. But don't expect him to brag about it.

"I don't think about that stuff very much," said Statham, who became only the 14th coach at a four-year college to reach 700 career wins. "I guess if I was ready to quit, I might think about it more. But I enjoy the players and the competition and trying to advance to nationals again. All those other things (the milestone victories) just happen."

"I may keep coaching for two more years or 10 more years. I'll keep doing it as long as I enjoy it and my health is good. I don't fish and I don't play golf. I'd rather coach basketball."

Statham, 59, is in his 32nd season as the Bearcats coach. He reached his latest milestone in a 99-61 win over Barat College last Saturday. He is the winningest active NAIA coach

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and No. 6 among active coaches at all four-year institutions.

"Those milestone games are always a nightmare for a coach," Statham said. "We're into the start of the conference season and trying to get back to Tulsa (for the NAIA national tournament) and a loss can really set you back. I'm glad we played and I'm glad we won and it's over with."

"The team has had a great job of dealing with this. In other years, we've had difficulty winning a milestone game. For No. 500, it took three tries."

Statham, who was born in Paducah (Ky.), lived in Brookport through his high school years. He went on to McKendree, graduating in 1960.

"I coached at O'Fallon, Foreman and Dwight high schools before coming back to McKendree (as head coach) in 1966," said Statham, who is

also McKendree's athletic director. "I was very young and thought I might get back into high school coaching. I always aspired to win the state tournament."

"After a couple years, I decided I didn't want to go back to high school any longer. For a while, I thought about coaching at a (NCAA) Division I school, but it didn't take long to decide I didn't want any part of that rat race."

"Coaching an upper-level Division I school isn't bad, but you usually have to spend some time as assistant coach before getting a head coaching job. The lower-level D-I programs can be a nightmare. That's where all the cheating and trouble is. I can deal with quality people here. We have superb players."

The majority of McKendree's players are from southern and central Illinois, but Statham has also been successful in getting players from the Chicago area.

"The key is intelligent recruiting and getting the right kind of player,"

Statham said. "The first thing I look for is character — I want good citizens. The second thing I want is someone who will remain eligible and get a degree."

"I want basketball players who understand our playing style and who can play in a team setting. I've never been hung up on superstars or people who are selfish. We've always had balance — with five or six guys in double figures — and great team chemistry."

"We always have players who are all-district and all-conference or who are ranked in the national statistics. You can have individual success in this system without sacrificing teamwork."

Statham's teams are usually at their best when it counts the most. "We've been to nationals five times, and all of those were fantastic years," he said. "Anytime you defeat a Division I team is always a special thrill."

"But every season has great players and great moments. The mile-

stone games are a reflection of all the players throughout the years."

The 1996-97 Bearcats were among Statham's most successful squads; McKendree was 28-9 and won two rounds at nationals.

"The caliber of play continues to improve," Statham said. "There have always been good players, but there are more of them now. The shooting has improved over the years. The 3-point shot changed the game. You have a lot more players in the weight room now and they're more athletic."

"The education you get here is excellent, and that's why we take people who are committed to going to class and fulfilling their responsibilities off the court."

Many of Statham's former players were on hand to witness his 700th victory.

"The most fun of all is to be able to talk to the players after basketball," Statham said. "I think they enjoyed their time at McKendree and that's why they're good alumni and good recruiters for us."

Bearcats thrive with team effort

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

On the night McKendree College coach Harry Statham won his 700th game, his career, six Bearcats scored in double figures.

"But to fully appreciate Statham's coaching ability, it's also worth mentioning who didn't play that night."

Early in the season, McKendree lost 6-foot-6 senior Dwight Russell to a knee injury. He is being redshirted and will play again next season. During the semester break, 6-6 junior Tony Lara hurt his knee playing a pickup game in Chicago and is out for the year.

Still, the Bearcats opened the second half of the season with three straight wins, including the landmark 99-61 decision over Barat College on Jan. 10. That set McKendree's record at 16-4 prior to tonight's game with Eureka College.

"We have some great competitors on this team, especially with the loss of two key players," Statham said. "Tony Lara was our leading scorer and rebounder. It put a lot more pressure on the other guys, with the 700-win thing and our first two games (of January) on the road. I'm proud of their effort and focus."

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"(The Barat game) was a great night. We trailed early, but the bench guys came in and sparked us. Lyle Rakers hit three straight 3-pointers and got the team rolling."

"Everything clicked. It was a typical McKendree victory. All nine guys played and scored and we had fun."

Depth is a trademark of Statham's teams, and this season is no exception.

"Russell was our starting center last year and Lara took his spot," Statham said. "(Lara) was a transfer and he was coming into his own. He had 35 points and 13 boards in the last game of the St. Ambrose Tournament just before the (semester) break."

"It's a typical McKendree team. We have good balancing scoring and good 3-point shooting. Marty Adams, Lyle Rakers and Andre Taylor are all deadly from the outside."

"We lost inside strength and rebounding (with the injuries to Russell and Lara), but Jeff Thayer has stepped up

and done a good job. Ted Blackett wasn't playing much until Lara got hurt, but he's played well for us recently."

Versatility is another key for the Bearcats.

"We have a 6-5 point guard in Dan Moore, which I really like," Statham said. "That helps for defense and rebounding, and he can see the interior a little better. But we also have a 6-foot point guard in Jose Oliver, who is lightning-quick."

"We have a very athletic kid in Lawrence Simmons, who is really starting to come on. He's 6-2, but very strong and deceptive for his size."

"Creo Argue is 6-4, and he has that combination of speed and strength that makes it hard for most people to match up with him. He's a good outside shooter and he's also a penetrator."

The Bearcats open a 10-game American Midwest Conference schedule at 7 p.m. next Thursday with a home game against Park College of Kansas City, which Statham says may be the league's most talented team. The AMC tournament is March 2-6, with the NAIA national tournament set for March 17-23 in Tulsa, Okla.

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much. We rely a lot on help defense. This has helped us stay out of foul trouble. There were games last year in which we outscored our opponents from the field by four or five field goals and lost the game because we sent them to the line so much."

SIUE-Edwardsville, which has a pair of conference home games this week against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside (today) and Lewis College (Saturday), entered the week with an 11-2 overall record. The Cougars are 5-1 in the tough Great Lakes Valley conference. They are tied for second in the league with Northern Kentucky, one game behind Kentucky Wesleyan.

The lone disappointment of the season thus far came on the road against Kentucky Wesleyan. SIUE-Edwardsville



SIUE coach Jack Margenthaler has guided his team to an 11-2 start and a national ranking. SIUE had a 21-point lead with 13:00 to play and lost the game. Kentucky Wesleyan hit a shot at the buzzer to tie the game and won it in overtime.

PREP BOWLING STANDINGS

Southern Illinois High School Bowling Conference					High Scratch Team Game				
					Collinsville.....				962
					Belleville West.....				935
					Belleville East.....				900
					Cahokia.....				889
					Wescinn.....				889
WEEK NO. 11					High Scratch Team Series				
Boys					Belleville East.....				2,589
Division A					Collinsville.....				2,580
					Belleville West.....				2,554
					Wescinn.....				2,499
					Gibault.....				2,429
Division B					Girls				
					Division A				
Team	Won	Lost	Avg	Pins	Team	Won	Lost	Avg	Pins
Belleville West	4	2	738	19,163	Belleville East	5	0	808	19,369
Cahokia	4	2	745	17,956	O'Fallon	4	1 1/2	631	15,166
Gibault	4	2	732	15,197	Wescinn	3 1/2	2 1/2	559	13,477
Columbia	4	3	738	17,715	Mascoutah	3	4	643	17,347
Alton	3	3	696	16,708	Freeburg	0	6	531	11,655
Altoft	0	6	454	10,902	Lebanon	0	6	485	11,000
Marissa	0	6	454	10,902					
Division C					Division B				
Team	Won	Lost	Avg	Pins	Team	Won	Lost	Avg	Pins
Edwardsville	6	0	808	19,369	Belleville West	5	0	808	19,369
Collinsville	2	4	707	16,964	Cahokia	4	2	599	14,387
Alton	3	2	697	14,644	Gibault	3	3	543	13,035
ME Lutheran	1	4	699	14,680	Altoft	0	6	534	12,621
Plaza SW	1	4	497	10,448	Malissa	2	4	525	12,811
Venice	0	5	521	10,952	Columbia	0	6	418	9,999
High Average					Division C				
Tony Smallwood, Belleville East.....	238.0				Team	Won	Lost	Avg	Pins
Dan Strumberg, Belleville West.....	212.7				Collinsville	6	0	802	14,401
Tom Partl, Collinsville.....	212.0				Edwardsville	5	1	527	12,665
Chris Schmidt, Belleville West.....	210.7				ME Lutheran	3	3	525	11,034
Charlie Johnson, Collinsville.....	210.4				Altoft	2	3	478	10,044
					Plaza SW	1	4	396	8,313
					Venice	0	5	435	9,115
High Scratch Game					High Average				
Charlie Johnson, Collinsville.....	237				Michelle Bryant, Belleville East.....	186.4			
Chris Burdick, Mascoutah.....	276				Brandi Goloforth, O'Fallon.....	184.3			
Kevin Purkey, Collinsville.....	276								
Pat McCann, Belleville West.....	278								
Zach Alttrater, Columbia.....	275								
High Scratch Series									
Matt Kpessner, Gibault.....	724								
Charlie Johnson, Collinsville.....	718								
Kevin Purkey, Collinsville.....	717								
Jason Meyer, Belleville West.....	713								
Dan Strumberg, Belleville West.....	711								

Neely Eller, Mascoutah	183.0
Jenny Williams, Belleville West	182.4
Christie Tubb, West	177.5

High Scratch Game	
Jenny Williams, Belleville West	256
Jennifer Probst, Gibault	247
Neely Eller, Mascoutah	247
Michelle Hunter, Belleville East	246
Sharon Fischer, Belleville East	236
Erin Pigars, Belleville East	236

High Scratch Series	
Sharon Fischer, Belleville East	626
Jenny Williams, Belleville East	625
Renee Koenig, Belleville East	597
Neely Eller, Mascoutah	596
Christie Tubb, West	589

High Scratch Team Game	
Belleville East	845
O'Fallon	753
Mascoutah	709
Collinsville	706
Cahokia	686

High Scratch Team Series	
Belleville East	2,253
Collinsville	2,072
Mascoutah	2,022
O'Fallon	2,008
Belleville West	1,933

JV Boys Division A				
Team	Won	Lost	Avg	Pins
Belleville West	5	1	765	16,006
O'Fallon	4	2	682	16,361
West	4	2	647	15,548
Freeburg	2	3	648	13,622
Mascoutah	2	4	563	14,821
Lebanon	0	6	543	13,053

Division B				
Team	Won	Lost	Avg	Pins
Belleville West	6	0	705	16,836
Columbia	5	1	660	15,000
Cahokia	3	3	604	14,497
Gibault	2	4	598	14,373
Althoff	2	4	532	12,761
Marissa	0	6	415	9,963

Division C				
Team	Won	Lost	Avg	Pins
Edwardsville	6	0	842	15,408
Collinsville	5	1	844	15,468
ME Lutheran	2	3	581	12,212
Alton	2	3	532	11,191
Venice	1	4	397	8,366
Plaza SW	0	5	361	7,580

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HOCKEY STANDINGS

METRO EAST HOCKEY				
Southern Division				
Team	Conf	Overall	GF	GA
Belleville West	6-1	5-1	37	13
Granite City	5-1	7-1	41	9
Alton	4-2	6-2	45	10
Collinsville	4-4	4-5	29	42
O'Fallon	2-4	4-4	21	28
Northern Division				
Team	Conf	Overall	GF	GA
Alton	7-0	7-0	33	17
Roxana	5-2	5-4	26	26
Edwardsville	5-2	5-4	26	26
Marquette	4-3	5-1	47	22
St. Charles	3-4	3-6	28	44
Wood River	1-6	1-8	11	58
Plaza SW	0-7	0-9	0	63

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Some nicknames just shouldn't be allowed by law

There are some 800 high schools in the state which are affiliated with the Illinois High School Association.

Add to that a dictionary of the English language filled with literally hundreds of thousands of entries — good, sound, solid words just waiting for some school to adopt them as a nickname for their sports teams — and you'd think centers of education would do a more than respectable job naming their teams.

Most do. But there are exceptions. Granite City got it right. Warriors. That's a real name, a strong name, a valiant name, a fearsome name.

So are Metro East team names such as Tigers, Trojans, Kahoks, Red Devils, Lancers, Panthers and even Flyers.

But for some other schools in the state, well... there ought to be a law. The Illinois High School Law Against Stupid Sports Teams Names.

Some names are definitely unusual, but should nonetheless remain legal.

Towns springing up around companies that provide a vital tax base for the school system would be allowed exemption from the rule. Hence, the Roxana Shells, DeKalb Barbs, Monmouth Zippers, Genoa Kingstons, the Freeport and New Berlin Pretzels could be excused. As if there really is an excuse for such names. Even team names gleaned from historic personalities could be exempt. That would let the Fulton Rummers and the Lincoln Railsplitters off the legal hook. But, then again, Lincoln doesn't need off the hook. Railsplitters is a great name. It's only when they shorten it — as they are in the habit of doing — to Railers that they would suddenly find themselves walking on legal thin ice.

Others, however, could not be excused... let alone explained.

Such schools would have to change their team names immediately or they would not be allowed to compete in sanctioned events. There ought to be a law.

Last week, the crackerjack crew that is the Granite City Press-Record news room voted on the worst sports team names at the high school level in the state of Illinois. I print the results.

Worst job of naming a boys team: The Fischer Bunnies.

Get serious. What color are their uniforms, pink? If I were a male high school student, I'd transfer to another school, another state or, possibly, another country before I'd run onto a football field with the name "Bunnies" printed on the front of my jersey.

Worst job of naming a girls team: The Flora Wifoligs.

Sounds like a chilling horror flick to me. What song does the band play before the team runs out on the basketball court, "Wifoligs, won't you come out tonight?" The name just conjures up fearful images of Russian-like female



Pat Heston

Olympic athletes with hair growing all over their bodies. Most politically incorrect team name: The Chicago South Shore Tars (boys) and Tarettes (girls), followed closely by the LeMont Injuns.

Enough said. The most lame job of naming a sports team: The Chicago Jones Jonesites.

No, I'm not making that up. Though, honestly, I wish I was.

The O.J. Simpson jury took longer to reach a verdict than it did for somebody — Mr. Jones perhaps? — to come up with such a creative masterpiece as Jonesites. And not much better are the Rock Island and the South Beloit SoBoes and the Zion-Benton Zee-Bees. Take a guy who is a french fry or two shy of a happy meal, give him paper, pen and five minutes, and he could do better than that.

The most redundant team name: The Chicago Latin Romans.

Whatever. From the most interesting name department come the Atwood-Hammond Rajas (boys) and Rajenes (girls), the Cobden Appleknockers and the Hoopes Corn Jekers.

I'd love to see the mascots. And, finally, from the just out-and-out stupid department come the Elmhurst York Lady Dukes (shouldn't that be Duchesses?), the Rochelle Lady Lads (shouldn't that be a manly hub?), the Canton and DuPue Little Giants, and the Milledgeville Lady Minors.

But the worst of all has to be the Polo Marcos.

That is beyond stupid. Way beyond lame. That would be like naming your team the Lincoln Abrahams, the Decatur Stephens, the Joliet Louises, or the Washington Georges. Spare me.

Of course, I have some stupid names I'd like to see — just for the fun of it. Names like the Champaign Glasses, for example. Maroons is a lame name anyway. But the Champaign Glasses — that has a sparkle about it.

Give me the Granite City Warriors, the Tinley Park Andrew Thunderbolts, the North Chicago Warhawks and the Chicago Roosevelt Rough Riders any day. Those are names.

As to the newsroom favorites... there ought to be a law.



Granite City's Erika Todd (left) made five steals in a 37-point first quarter for the Warriors against Madison. She finished the game with a team-high 25 points as the Warriors picked up its third victory of the season.

Warriors

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the game," said Moad. "We played very well on our press. We had 18 steals, five of them by Erika Todd — and got a lot of easy baskets in the first quarter. Everybody played a great first quarter, and the outcome was settled early."

Debra Aaron picked up her third straight double-double, scoring 20 points and grabbing

10 rebounds. Erika Todd led all scorers with 25 points and Jessica Wallace had 10.

"We're playing with confidence now, and that will help us against Collinsville this Friday," said Moad. "Collinsville has some size and strength inside. They've bottled Belleville East and Belleville West. Defensively, we've got to make their guards beat us. Offensively, we've got to get the ball inside and take good

shots."

The Lady Warriors host the Kahoks in a "Senior Night" game this Friday. Junior Varsity action begins at 6:15 p.m.

Granite City 79,				
	FG	3pt	FT	Pts
Granite City	11	0	0	22
Erika Todd	10	0	0	20
Debra Aaron	3	0	0	10
Jessica Wallace	3	0	0	6
Debra Moore	3	0	0	6

Madison 29				
	FG	3pt	FT	Pts
Madison	2	0	0	4
Jessica Reader	2	0	0	4
Jan Shanahan	0	0	0	0
Kara Cole	0	0	0	0
Janelle Hanes	0	0	0	0
Kari Lashley	0	0	0	0
Anna Tapp	0	0	0	0
Tate	0	0	0	0

Belleville 79				
	FG	3pt	FT	Pts
Belleville	12	0	0	24
Jessica Wooten	2	0	0	4
Kendra Boyd	2	0	0	4
Kelly Crawford	2	0	0	4
Kim Stapp	2	0	0	4
Kenneth Johnson	2	0	0	4
Brouckard	2	0	0	4
Totals	10	1	8	29

Granite City 79,				
	FG	3pt	FT	Pts
Granite City	37	12	20	88
Madison	3	0	0	6

Knights of Columbus FT contest is Feb. 1

SPORTS BRIEFS

met High School: Greg Vitello 12 noon-1 p.m. — Lunch. 1-1:30 p.m. — Bowling. University: Bob Warming ("The Attacking Third"). 2-2:45 p.m. — Wright State University: Hilton Deyes ("The Striker").

3-3:45 p.m. — Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville: Brian Korbesmeyer ("Goalie Mechanics").

4-5:30 p.m. — Hospitality.

Baseball coaching clinic

The Granite City Park District and Granite City High School baseball announce a cooperative Baseball Coaching Clinic. Tuesday-Wednesday (Jan. 27-28) at the Granite City High School Memorial Gymnasium.

Sessions are 6:15-8:30 p.m. each night. Instructions, drills and demonstrations will highlight both evening sessions. Topics to be covered include: pitching, catching, outfield play, infield play (by position), hitting and bunting.

Registration is taking place at the Granite City Park District office. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$15 for players (7 years and up), \$20 for an adult and a player, and \$25 for a family (limited to two).

Enrollment is limited. Volunteer instructors include Kirk Champion, Chicago White Sox pitching coach with ten years experience, nine as a college pitching coach; Keith Champion, a major league

advance scout for the Chicago Cubs with 15 years experience, also a former player, coach and manager; Bob Champion, former GCHS high school coach (1974-80) and former major league scout; and Bob Stageman, a former GCHS coach (1971-73) and former professional player.

Proceeds will be shared equally by the baseball programs at Granite City High School and the Granite City Park District.

Pheasant hunting

Pheasant hunting at Horseshoe Lake in Madison County began Dec. 17 and ends Sunday.

Hunting fee is \$22 for two pheasants (either sex). Today, both pheasant and quail may be hunted. Rabbits may also be hunted, beginning Sunday.

Reservations should be made by calling Horseshoe Lake at 931-0270 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Spring flag football league

The Budweiser Flag Football League is starting its fifth season.

Applications are being taken for the 1998 spring session. Play will begin on the first of March and continue through the first of May. Cash prizes will be awarded. Space is limited and the league is forming fast. Entry deadline is Feb. 28.

For more information, please call 277-9727.

Persons with prior football experience and who are interested in refereeing flag football may contact the Budweiser Flag Football League at 277-9727. Referees are needed for the spring and fall sessions in Belleville, Ill.

Bombers tournament

The Belleville Bombers AAU basketball team will host a tournament for boys and girls teams in grades 5-8. The tournament will be held Feb. 6-8 at the Family Sportsplex in Belleville.

The entry fee is \$100. For more information, call Dennis Elbe at 277-8070 or Ken Mertens at 397-0629.

Adult hockey league

Christian Hockey Ministries seeks players for adult hockey

league teams. For more information, call Tom Hunter at 632-8061.

Fishing seminar

The Belleville Parks and Recreation Department and the Illinois Department of Conservation are sponsoring the sixth annual Spring Bass Fishing Seminar with Glenn Dalton, host of "Bass Fishing with Glenn Dalton." The seminar will be 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the BAC Theatre. Admission is \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door.

Pre-registration is encouraged due to limited seating capacity; your admission fee must be included with your registration.

Registration forms can be picked up at Belleville City Hall, Nichols Community Center, Belleville libraries, Belleville Sports Sales, The Boat Shack, Hubbard's Marine, Basic Hardware, Belleville Bowling and Sport Shop, Curt Smith Sporting Goods, Boeving's Bar Shop, Hubbard's Pro-Arm & Reel Repair in New Athens or the Belleville Parks and Recreation office. For information, call Todd Strubhart at 233-1416.

The R.J. Krause All-Star Sports Club of East St. Louis is in need of basketball games and tournaments. The program has teams for boys in grades 3-9 and teams for girls in grades 4-8.

The club also needs cheerleading and basketball uniforms as well as sports equipment. For more information, call Richard "R.J." Krause at 398-1201 or write to R.J. at 820 N. 71st St., East St. Louis, Ill. 62203.

MVCHA scholarships

The Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association has announced that two \$500 scholarships will be awarded this season following the 1997-98 hockey season.

All high school seniors who play for their high school hockey team in the MVCHA this season will be eligible to compete for the scholarships. Selections will be approved for distribution by the MVCHA Board of Directors. Scholarships will be distributed directly to the college, trade school, vocational school or community college of the student's choice.

Contact team coaches for an application for the scholarship program. Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 1998. For more information, call Bob Mooshegian at 466-4533 or Dr. Gary Clark at 466-1380.

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Big games

Warriors one of 2 SWC tests for Collinsville this week

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

When the janitors sweep the gym floor at Belleville West late Saturday night, Collinsville High could either be sitting in the top third of the Southwestern Conference standings or limping in as a middle of the pack squad.

There is plenty on the line Friday and Saturday night for the Kahoks boys basketball team.

Granite City visits Vergil Fletcher Gymnasium for an 8 p.m. ballgame Friday night, to be broadcast tape-delayed beginning at 9 p.m. on WINU-TV 48. On Saturday night, the Kahoks travel to Belleville West.

"Granite City has been fairly consistent," Collinsville coach Bob Bone said. "They have got a good team. (Dustin) Brewer is one of the better players in the league. They have got balance with everybody else. I think they have four other guys averaging above eight points a game. They have got five guys that are capable of scoring and that makes it pretty hard to guard against them."

"Both games are really important games for us," Bone said. "The Warriors are 10-6 overall and are one-half game behind the Kahoks in the Southwestern Conference standings. CHS is 2-2. Granite is 2-3."

The two teams split a year ago, each winning on its home court.

This season, the Warriors return a solid lineup that features eight seniors. Brewer, a 6-foot-5 senior forward, is the Warriors go-to player along with varsity newcomer Chris Tindall, a 6-foot-6 junior center.

When Brewer and Tindall are both healthy, the Warriors are a handful for any team. When they are both out of the lineup—as was the case earlier in the season—Granite is a totally different team.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Brewer missed four games earlier in the year with a wrist injury and Tindall was out with the flu. Both returned in time for the 14th annual Collinsville High/Schnucks Holiday Classic and made a difference. The Warriors are 4-2 since their return.

"We're not a bad basketball team with all the kids in there," Granite coach John Van Buskirk said right before the start of the Classic. "We have been playing seven kids pretty strong. They complement each other."

Bone said Brewer is the biggest concern.

"He is very strong and physical, plus, he has been playing for three years," Bone said. "He has increased his range on his shooting. He is just one of the better players in the conference."

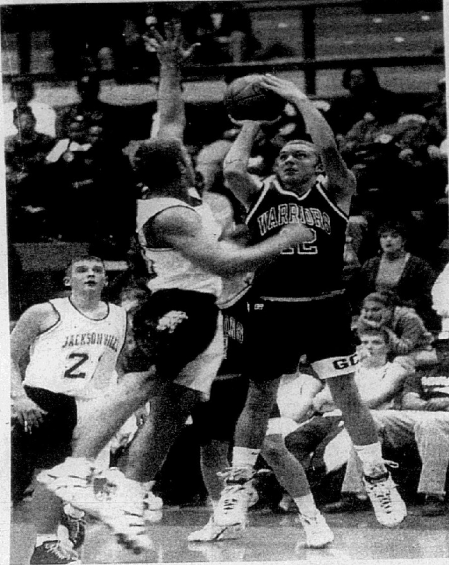
Sophomore point guard Zack May (5-10) is a player that sometimes gets overlooked when devising a game plan. May has the ability to get the ball up the floor at a quick pace and is a pest on defense.

"He shoots the 3 well," Bone said. "He is a just a real solid player even though he is just a sophomore. He causes you problems. He is a smart player who plays hard and does a lot of things well."

After a hard battle against the Warriors, the Kahoks turn right around to face the Maroons (3-11, 0-5).

The Maroons are just the sort of team that can jump and bite the Kahoks in a scenario similar to what CHS did to Belleville West last year.

West seems to be in a similar predicament the Kahoks found themselves in a year ago, when the struggling Kahoks



JOHN PREE / Press-Record

Granite City's Tim Wallace fires a shot over an opponent in a recent game. The Warriors travel to Collinsville on Friday night in a key Southwestern Conference battle.

upset a decent West squad 58-54 at Belleville West.

"Most of the games where they have gotten beat they have been right in the game and lost by one or two points on last second shots and everything else," Bone said of the Maroons. "They just haven't

caught many breaks. They are very capable. They have got good athletic ability and have got some good players. With a team like that you just never know when they are going to break loose. They always play us tough."

•Poll

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vaulted past Quincy (11-2). The Blue Devils lost to Peoria Central (11-2) 58-42.

Among area teams, Edwardsville (11-0) won again, but dropped a spot in the poll to 13th, while Mount Vernon (10-1) climbed two spaces to 14th. The Tigers and the Rams could be the potentially hook up Jan. 24 in the championship game of the Salem Invitational Basketball Tournament. Centralia ranked 18th in the poll, is also in the tournament and could meet Edwardsville in the semifinals. Last year, the Tigers drubbed Mount Vernon 69-52 in the title tilt. But the Rams got the last laugh, beating Alton in Carbondale Super-Sectional for a trip to Peoria and the state quarterfinals.

Belleville East, (15th), which upset Centralia on Saturday at the Highland Shootout, and East St. Louis Lincoln (23rd) are the only other Metro East teams in the large school rankings.

STATE POLLS

Here are the top 16 teams in the state-wide Illinois high school boys basketball polls as selected by an Associated Press panel of sportswriters and broadcasters, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sunday and total points (based on 16 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 16th place vote):

Class AA			
Team	Rec.	Pts.	
1. Chicago Whitney Young (16)	10-0	256	
2. Peoria Manual	14-1	228	
3. Galesburg	14-1	221	
4. Moline	15-0	185	
5. Lincoln	11-2	184	
6. Rockford Boylan	14-1	158	
7. Oak Park Fenwick	13-1	149	
8. Elgin	14-0	136	
9. Winnetka New Trier	12-1	102	
10. Joliet Central	13-2	88	
11. Peoria Central	12-2	74	
12. Quincy	11-0	73	
13. Edwardsville	10-1	52	
14. Mount Vernon	10-1	41	
15. Chicago King	13-2	33	
16. Des Plaines Maine West	10-3	33	

Others receiving votes, in order: Chicago Farragut, Centralia, Belleville East, Oak Lawn Richards, Zion-Benton, Country Club Hills Hillcrest, East St. Louis Lincoln, Decatur Stephen.

Class A			
Team	Rec.	Pts.	
1. Spring Valley Hall (18)	13-0	348	
2. Naushville (4)	14-0	332	
3. Farmington	14-0	257	
4. Normal University	10-4	240	
5. Kewanee	14-2	228	
6. Chicago Leo	13-4	217	
7. Chicago Providence-St. Mel	13-3	206	
8. Quincy Notre Dame	13-2	191	
9. Ashland A.C. Central	15-0	173	
10. Rock Island Alleman	9-4	157	
11. Waterloo Gibault	13-3	135	
12. Marengo	12-2	81	
13. Breese Mater Dei	9-5	78	
14. Chicago St. Francis de Sales	11-4	41	
15. Burlington Central	10-2	33	
16. Harrisburg	10-2	33	

Others receiving votes, in order: Pittsfield, Fairbury Prairie Central, Minook Fieldcrest, Breese Central, Rock Falls, Hillsboro, Teutopolis, Pana, Winnebago, Galva.

THIS WEEK IN PREP BASKETBALL

Compiled by Patrick C. Heston

Jan. 15
1946 — Dale White, a junior at Irving High School (near Hillsboro), scored 60 points as Irving defeated Harvard 133-14. White, who scored more than 2,000 points in his high school career, was named MVP in scoring as both a sophomore and a junior, scored at least 60 points four times and at least 50 points eight times during his high school days.

Jan. 16
1904 — Oak Park overcame Chicago Englewood 3-1 in a girls basketball game.
1920 — Chicago Englewood defeated Chicago Phillips 5-3.
1890 — Chicago Mother McAuley attempted 56 free throws, hitting 29 of them, in a girls basketball game against Chicago Marshall.

Jan. 17
1946 — Ray Shumaker of West Salem scored 87 points in one game against Calhoun. He accomplished this only two nights after Irving's Dale White had scored 60 points in one game.
1986 — Chicago Young defeated Chicago Farragut 3-0 in a girls basketball game.
1988 — Chicago Young defeated Chicago Collins 130-19 in a girls basketball game.

Jan. 18
1945 — On the same night, Clay City crushed Mt. Erie 123-13 and Irving destroyed Donnellson 122-13. In the Irving game, Dale White scored 64 points — at the time as state record for one game and still the highest one-game total ever recorded by a

sophomore.

Jan. 19
1946 — Dale White of Irving scored what was then a state record with 68 points in one game against Rockbridge, collecting 32 field goals and four free throws. It marked the second time in five nights that the junior sharpshooter had scored at least 60 points, and the third time in as many nights that the 60-point barrier had been scaled in the state.

1973 — Brooklyn Lovejoy scored a school-record 130 points — 77 of them in the second half — in swamping Jefferson City Lincoln (Mo.) 130-38.

1980 — Centralia and Marion combined for 223 points in a South Seven Conference match-up. The Orphans won the game 126-97.

1989 — Daphne Johnson of Chicago Bogan scored a girls' state basketball record 78 points in a game against Chicago Kelly. Her 36 field goals (in 43 attempts) was also a state record.

1983 — Chicago St. Joseph Ogden made 19 consecutive free throws in a girls basketball game with Tolona Union. The mark is a girls record for IHSA basketball.

Jan. 21
1982 — Chicago Greiger defeated Chicago Near North 138-117. The 255 points scored by both teams is a state record, and Near North's 117 points is the second-best total posted by a losing team in an Illinois high school game. Greiger holds many scoring records, due in part to their extremely small gym where the free throw circles and center circle nearly overlap.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GIRLS HOOPS STANDINGS

Southwestern Conference

Team	Conf.	Overall
Edwardsville	5-0	10-3
Belleville East	6-0	15-5
Collinsville	4-2	8-10
Belleville West	3-5	4-12
Alton	2-4	6-7
Granite City	1-4	2-12
E. St. Louis	0-1	1-11

Mississippi Valley

Team	Conf.	Overall
Highland	3-0	8-7
Jerseyville	3-1	10-3
Mascoutah	3-1	7-6
Chris Memorial	1-2	7-5
Triad	1-4	1-9
Waterloo	0-3	2-11

Cahokia

Team	Conf.	Overall
Brianco	4-0	13-0
Carlyle	4-0	13-2
Freeburg	3-0	9-5
Westlin	3-0	9-5
Lebanon	3-4	5-11
Dupo	1-3	5-9
Red Bud	1-2	2-10
Columbia	0-2	3-8
New Athens	0-5	1-11

South Seven

Team	Conf.	Overall
Off-Palton	4-0	14-2
Galatia	1-1	4-4
Cahokia	0-2	0-5

South Central

Team	Conf.	Overall
Roxana	2-0	7-7
Marietta	2-0	7-7
Wood River	0-2	8-8

Independents

Team	Overall
Lincoln	13-0

Women's College

Team	Conf.	Overall
BAC	12-1	12-1
Illinois	12-4	12-4
SIUE	10-4	10-4
St. Louis U.	9-4	9-4
McKendree	6-9	6-9

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Men's College

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Illinois	12-4	12-4
SIUE	10-4	10-4
St. Louis U.	9-4	9-4
McKendree	6-9	6-9

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Collinsville	2-2	8-4
ME Lutheran	1-1	6-5
Alhambra	1-3	8-7

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Alhambra	6-3
Sparta	7-6
Madison	7-6
Valmeyer	5-10
Okawville	4-3
Lovejoy	2-6

Men's College

Team	Overall
Fontbonne	5-2
Illinois St.	10-3
SIUE	10-3
St. Louis U.	10-5
SIUC	6-6
BAC	7-8

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OBITUARY

Sharon Dippe

SHARON LYNN (DIPPE) 45, of Granite City, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 1998, at Anderson Hospital. Mrs. Dippe was born 1952 in Hammond, Ind., and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Granite City Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and was a member of the Granite City Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas, who died in 1977. She is survived by her son, Thomas, who is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and her daughter, Sharon, who is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Thomas and Sharon. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and was a member of the Granite City Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas, who died in 1977. She is survived by her son, Thomas, who is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and her daughter, Sharon, who is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. 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News

OBITUARIES

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SHARON LYNN (DICKERSON) DIPPEL, 45, of Granite City died at 10:25 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1988, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Mrs. Dippel was born Dec. 23, 1942, in Hammond, Ind., to Richard and Joyce (Dines) Dickerson. She was a homemaker, and attended Cedarview General Baptist Church in Ponton Beach.

Survivors include her parents; her husband, Thomas "Tom" Dippel of Granite City, whom she married June 4, 1977; two sisters, Dab Brauer and Laurie Crutfield, both of Piquette, Ariz.; a half-sister, Kim Dickerson of Chandler, Ariz.; one brother, Bill Dickerson of Congress, Ariz.; and one half-brother, Shane Dickerson of Arizona. Five nieces, seven nephews; one great niece; and one great nephew.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Richard A. Dickerson.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Irwin Chapel, 3950 Maryville Road in Granite City.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Cedarview General Baptist Church with the Rev. Ernest Hale and the Rev. Greg Dickerson officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to Cedarview General Baptist Church.

Evelyn Hagler

EVELYN G. (SCHWENKE) HAGLER, 81, of Granite City died at 3:05 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1988, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Hagler was born Nov. 12, 1906, in Belmont, Mo. She was a homemaker and a charter member of Bethesda Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence Hagler, whom she married Nov. 19, 1935; one daughter, (Sister) Beverly K. Lindsey of Granite City; one son, (Sister) Hagler of Granite City; one sister, Frances Tibbets of Centralia; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers, Ralph, Frederick and Amiel Schwenne.

FLORENCE BLACKWELL

FLORENCE N. (COFFMAN) BLACKWELL, 94, of Granite City died at 5:50 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, 1988, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Services were Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Mercur Mortuary, 4141 Washington Ave. in Granite City. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to charity of choice.

Harold Cavins

HAROLD D. CAVINS, 60, of Granite City died Saturday, Jan. 13, 1988, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Granite City.

Services were Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Werner Chapel with the Rev. Eddie Linhart officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Ponton Beach Lions Club.

Megan Dunn

MEGAN LYNN DUNN, 1 day, died Friday, Jan. 8, 1988, at Children's Hospital in St. Louis.

Graveside services were held Monday, Jan. 12 at St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Werner Chapel handled the arrangements.

Charles Gandorla

CHARLES A. GANDORLA, 83, of Granite City died at 2:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, 1988, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Granite City.

Services were Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City with the Father Francis Tebanura officiating. Interment followed at the Memorial Park Cemetery in St. Louis.

Memorials can be made to

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3950 Maryville Road in Granite City.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Bethesda Baptist Church in Abbott officiating. Burial will follow at Lake View Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Bethesda Baptist Church.

Alec Kurilla

ALEC J. KURILLA JR., 53, of Granite City died at 7:56 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at his residence.

Mr. Kurilla was born May 10, 1914, in Madison to Harry and Mary (Kroth) Kurilla. He was a resident of Madison for 30 years, and was employed at Granite City Steel for more than 44 years as an assistant superintendent. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Kurilla and Ron Kurilla, both of Granite City; two sisters, Ann Gasparovic of Granite City and Marie Morgan of Miami; and one brother, Robert Kurilla of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Catherine (Barlock) Kurilla, whom he married June 24, 1939, and who died Feb. 12, 1987; one son, Alec Kurilla Jr.; two brothers, Stephen Kurilla and John Kurilla; and two sisters, Sophia Barlock and Helen Kurilla.

Visitation is 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Irwin Chapel, 3950 Maryville Road in Granite City. A prayer service will be at 5 p.m. Friday.

Services are 9 a.m. Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. William Fishelkeller officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church.

Goldie Greer

GOLDIE EVELYN (BUTCHER) GREER, 65, of Collinsville died at 3:45 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1988, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born May 21, 1919 in East St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Robert Butcher Sr. of Collinsville; one sister, Violet Cox of Granite City; one nephew, Harold Morrison of Granite City.

Donor's Choice

ROBERT HANDY, 81, of Madison died Thursday, Jan. 14, 1988, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Bethel A.M.E. Church in Madison with the Rev. John Q. Owens, Pastor, officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Auburn in Greenville.

Memorials can be made to Old Ripley Church of Christ.

Earl Harris

EARL N. HARRIS, died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1988, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Private services were held at Berger Memorial Chapel.

Memorials can be made to Pearl and Ben Veto Percussion Scholarship fund, c/o St. Louis Symphony School of Music, 5600 Trinity Ave., University City, Mo. 63130.

Cecil Horton

CECIL N. HORTON, 86, of Granite City died Jan. 9, 1988, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Granite City.

Services are Monday, Jan. 12 at St. John Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

June Jones

JUNE FLORENCE JONES, 82, of Granite City died Friday, Dec. 10, 1987, at her residence.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Friedens Cemetery in St. Louis with the Rev. Lewis Trotter officiating. Interment followed at the cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Elvira Fund at First Presbyterian Church. Werner Chapel handled the arrangements.

City; three great-nephews; one great-grand nephew; five grandchildren; and one great-grand child.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Butcher and Elizabeth Lutz Keeler; her husband, Benjie Greer, whom she married Dec. 28, 1946 and who died March 11, 1972; one stepson, Billy Greer; two brothers; and one sister.

Visitation from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at Herbert-Kassaly Mortuary, 515 Vandallia in Collinsville.

Services are at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Herbert-Kassaly.

Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Donna Bivins

DONNA L. (CROWDER) BIVINS, 53, of Lavelette, W.Va., died Sunday, Jan. 11, 1988, at King's Daughter's Hospital in Ashland, Ky.

She was born Aug. 5, 1944 in East St. Louis. She was a past member of Queen of Peace Parish Selma, Ala. where she was active in the Ladies Club, a past president of the Parish Council, Religious Education, and sang in the choir; she was also a past member of the Order of the Holy Family in Huntington, W.Va.

Survivors include her husband, David Bivins; two brothers, Larry Bivins and John Bivins; one daughter, Lisa Bivins of Lavelette, W.Va.; four sons, Duane Bivins, David Bivins, Larry Bivins and John Bivins; one brother, David Bivins; one sister, Bonnie (Downs) Kovarik; two brothers, Lonnie Kovarik of Glen Carbon and Bill Kovarik of Granite City; one half-brother, Jerry Randal of Clearfield, Pa.; seven nieces and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lawrence and Betty (Beck) Crowder; one brother, Donald Crowder and stepfather, Lonnie Crowder.

Services were to be held at 9 a.m. Thursday at St. Elizabeth's Church in Granite City. Burial was to be in Valley View Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Edwarsville.

Addie Dunn

Visitation was Wednesday, Jan. 7 at Irwin Chapel on Maryville Road in Granite City.

Carl O'Guin

CARL W. O'GUIN, 101, of Granite City died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1988.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 10 at the First Assembly of God Church in Granite City. Interment followed at Mt. Auburn in Greenville.

Memorials can be made to the family.

Evelyn Outland

EVELYN L. (HEATH) OUTLAND, 93, of Collinsville died Friday, Jan. 8, 1988, at Collinsville Care Center.

Services were Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the Allan and Jeffery Funeral Home in Collinsville with the Rev. Roger Wright officiating. Burial was in the Sunset Hills Memorial Estates in Edwarsville.

Memorials can be made to the donor's choice.

Raymond Stratton

RAYMOND L. STRATTON SR., 62, of Granite City died Friday, Jan. 8, 1988, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Granite City.

Services and services are pending. Please call Werner Chapel at 797-1009 for more information.

Irene White

IRENE A. (DOOSON) WHITE, 84, of St. Louis died Saturday, Jan. 10, 1988, at Bellevue Memorial Hospital.

Services were Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Braun Colonial Funeral Home in Cahokia with the Rev. Andy DeWitt officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Fairview Heights.

Memorials can be made to Unity Hospice.

Annas Zeller

ANNAS M. (PAGE) ZELLER, 92, formerly of Granite City died Jan. 9, 1988, at Lutheran Care Center in St. Louis.

Services were Monday, Jan. 12 at Irwin Chapel with the Rev. Michael Hart officiating. Interment followed at the Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials can be made to the Concordia Lutheran Church.

American Cancer Society or Masses. Lawlor-Mueller Chapel handled the arrangements.

George Gregory

GEORGE E. GREGORY, 60, of Waterloo died Monday, Jan. 12, 1988, in Waterloo.

Mr. Gregory was born Dec. 14, 1927 in East St. Louis. He was a mechanic and was a U.S. Navy Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret (Myers) Gregory of Waterloo; five daughters, Karen Riles, Kathy Erickson, Geri Juels, Penny Gregory and Pamela Gregory all of Waterloo; one son, Greg Gregory of Hickory, one sister, Pauline Alex of Glen Carbon; two brothers, Gerald Gregory of Granite City and Stanley Gregory of Red Bud and other friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley and Zelma (Rhymer) Gregory; one brother, Seth Deichman; and one sister, Betty Duffett.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 at the DeFallo Funeral Home in Waterloo with the Rev. Kevin Kerk officiating. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials can be made to the family.

Gayle Kovarik

GAYLE KOVARIK, 48, of Edwarsville died at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 1988 at Edwarsville Care Center.

She was born Feb. 3, 1940 in Edwarsville. She was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Edwarsville.

Survivors include her mother, Bonnie (Downs) Kovarik; two brothers, Lonnie Kovarik of Glen Carbon and Bill Kovarik of Granite City; one half-brother, Jerry Randal of Clearfield, Pa.; seven nieces and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lawrence and Betty (Beck) Crowder; one brother, Donald Crowder and stepfather, Lonnie Crowder.

Services were to be held at 9 a.m. Thursday at St. Elizabeth's Church in Granite City. Burial was to be in Valley View Cemetery.

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Services and services are pending. Please call Werner Chapel at 797-1009 for more information.

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Services were Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Braun Colonial Funeral Home in Cahokia with the Rev. Andy DeWitt officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Fairview Heights.

Memorials can be made to Unity Hospice.

Annas Zeller

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Services were Monday, Jan. 12 at Irwin Chapel with the Rev. Michael Hart officiating. Interment followed at the Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials can be made to the Concordia Lutheran Church.

ADDIE MAE (WALTERS) DUNN, 93, of Madison died Monday, Jan. 12, 1988 at the Highland Health Care Center.

She was born July 28, 1904 in Advance, Mo. She was a retired machine operator at the Fulton Bag Co., was a member of the Temple Baptist Church in Madison and the AARP Rebecca Lodge.

Survivors include one son, Paul Dunn of Irwin Chapel with the Rev. Herman Painter officiating.

Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Maurice Johnson

MAURICE JOHNSON, 57, of Brooklyn died Thursday, Jan. 8, 1988 at the St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis.

Mr. Johnson was a native of Brooklyn.

Survivors include one son, Derrick Johnson Sr.; two grandsons, Austin and Derrick Jr.; both of Brooklyn; two granddaughters, Serene and Cherina Johnson of Madison; five brothers, Cecil Johnson of Alabama, Melvin Fandley of Louisville, Ky., Eugene Douglas of East St. Louis, Walter Douglas and Raymond Douglas of Brooklyn; five sisters, Patricia Johnson Muse of Godfrey, Bernice of Buckatona, Miss., Vivian Douglas of Milwaukee, Willetta Chambliss and Beverly Taylor of St. Louis; one uncle, James Hawkins of Cahokia; two aunts, Hallie and Fannie Hawkins of Brooklyn; two good friends, Charles Lilly and William Jackson and other relatives and friends.

Services were Wednesday, Jan. 14 at the St. Elizabeth's Spiritual Temple Church in Brooklyn with the Rev. Cynthia Leflore officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Fairport, N.Y.

Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel handled the arrangements.

Trevia Phillips

TREVIA M. (BUCY) PHILLIPS, 72, of Granite City died at 9:47 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, 1988, at her residence.

She was born Feb. 11, 1925 in Union City, Tenn. She was a retired cook from a restaurant in Granite City and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her son, Joseph Phillips of Ponton Beach; one daughter, (Sister) of Tampa, Fla.; one sister, Jean Collier-Clinton of Kentucky; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Loyce Phillips and her parents, James and Leveya.

Services were to be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at White-Rosen Funeral Home in Union City, Tenn. Burial was to be in Union City.

Werner Chapel handled the arrangements.

Dulcia Schepers

DULCIA (COPELAND) SCHEPERS, 91, of Granite City died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1988 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Granite City.

She was born Feb. 10, 1904 in Vienna, Mo. She was a member of

Grace Baptist Church and a home-maker.

Survivors include one daughter, Leona Allen of Largo, Fla.; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Garitt Schepers; her parents, Burton and Missouri (Vigil) Copeland; two brothers, Virgil and Ernie Copeland and three sisters, Lucille Cahill, Bertha Hubbard and Mattie Smallwood.

Services will be today, Thursday, at 1 p.m. at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City with the Rev. John Gambin officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials can be made to the Cancer Society.

Pauline Weir

PAULINE E. (ARNOLD) WEIR, 89, of Granite City died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1988 at the Eden Valley in Glen Carbon.

She was born Aug. 19, 1908 in Doe Run, Mo. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Granite City, a Sunday School Teacher at Calvary Baptist Church, and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees B.P.W. of Granite City.

Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Worster of Granite City; one grandson and two granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin and Stella (Lupkey) Arnold.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 at the Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Fred Boatright officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials can be made to the Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund. Werner Chapel handled the arrangements.

James Bethell

JAMES EDWARD BETHELL, of Springfield, Va., died Sunday, Jan. 10, 1988 at Fairfax Hospital in Virginia.

Mr. Bethell was a native of Granite City. He attended schools in Illinois, Texas and Missouri. He also attended Washington University in St. Louis. He was a WWII Army Veteran, a former clerk in the army's old Records Administration Center, and was a program analyst for the Army's Military Traffic Management Command until retiring. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Arlington, Va. and a member of Gothic Lodge 852, A.F. and AM of Belleville, the National Genealogical Society and Kentucky State Genealogical Societies, a charter member of the Pike and Calhoun Counties Genealogical Society and a member of the Griggsville Area Genealogical and Historical Societies.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria (Thelma) Bethell of Springfield, Va.; two sons, John Bethell of North Charleston, S.C. and James Bethell of Fredericksburg, Va.; two grandsons, Christopher and Bethell of Fredericksburg, Va. and one brother, Charles Bethell of Bakersfield, Calif.

Services will be today, Wednesday, Jan. 14 at Interment Quarters National Cemetery in Triangel, Va.

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6:30-9 a.m. Tue & Thu \$5 (non-member)

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12-1 p.m. Sat \$5 (non-member)

Open Swims (all ages) 6:30-8 p.m. Fri \$3 (non-member)

Family Sw

Foes of gigantic hog farms encouraged

By Sue Hurley
Correspondent

Protesters of factory-sized hog farms aren't ready to declare victory yet, but many are feeling more optimistic after last week's announcement by Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra that he is asking Illinois lawmakers to create tighter controls on the operations.

In a Dec. 31 letter directed to State Senate President James "Pate" Philip, Kustra proposed giving county boards the power to deny construction rights to companies seeking to build giant hog facilities in their

area.

Kustra, chairman of the Illinois Rural Affairs Council, also requested that authority be given to the state Environmental Protection Agency to regulate inspections of livestock waste lagoons before and after they are constructed.

Currently, Illinois law does not offer local communities veto power over the location of such operations, and the Illinois Department of Agriculture is in charge of checking lagoons, some of which are as large as several football fields.

Recent legislation put stricter regu-

lations in place for monolithic animal farms, but Kustra said more needs to be done.

"Make no mistake about it — there are many concerns involved in the mega-farm issue, ranging from economic development to environmental protection," he said. "Our goal has to be to create a balance where livestock production can exist in harmony with the concerns of a local community and its residents."

Illinois ranks number four in the nation for producing hogs, Iowa and North Carolina are first and second. Greene County board member

Ryan Platt said he wasn't sure Kustra's proposal will change much, but he is hopeful.

"These hog farms need to be better regulated. Rural governments can do nothing" to control them, Platt said. Residents living near Hanor Farms Inc., a pig production plant on two farms near Eldred and White Hall, have complained about the smell of the animal waste, some of which is sprayed onto farm fields as fertilizer, as well as the possibility that feces lagoons could leak into the groundwater.

"The smell is bad enough, but

there's always the chance of contamination when you have that large a hog operation," Platt said. "If something goes wrong over there, what will happen? Will they pack up and leave or take care of it? I'm afraid the same thing that happened in North Carolina will happen here."

More than 10 million fish were killed in North Carolina in 1995 when 35 million gallons of animal waste spilled into area rivers. Last August, that state's legislature imposed a two-year moratorium on the building of new hog facilities.



Law and order —Bellefonte Area College recently held a graduation for Session 67 of the Police Academy. Above, Oran R. Cookembo Jr., left, receives his graduation certificate from Larry Schmalenberger, BAC Interim president. Cookembo was elected class president and won the award for Best Defensive Tactics. Below, Steve E. Winston receives his certificate from Schmalenberger. Both Cookembo and Winston serve with the Granite City Police Department.



Belle blames revenue cut on 'boats in moats'

By Steve Whitworth
Telegraph staff writer

Officials with Argosy Gaming Co., the owner of the Alton Belle Casino, said Tuesday they are keeping a close eye on efforts to legalize dockside gambling for riverboat casinos in Illinois.

Argosy officials also said they are keeping tabs on the dispute in Missouri involving that state's so-called "boats in moats" — casinos that float in man-made basins set back from the bank of the Missouri River.

In the St. Louis area, the joint operation between Players and Harrah's — the Riverport Casino Center on the Missouri in suburban Maryland Heights — features four "boats in moats." That's the operation that Argosy officials said they believe was responsible for cutting into the Alton Belle's 1997 revenues.

The Alton Belle reported \$62.2 million in adjusted gross receipts for 1997, down from \$72.4 million in 1996 and \$81.5 million in 1995. The casino's revenue peaked in 1994 at \$89 million.

"The primary cause (for the decrease) is the added four casinos at Maryland Heights and the \$300 million investment they've put there," said Steve Norton, executive vice president for Argosy. "Basically, it has just added a lot more capacity in the market than the market could absorb in that short of a time frame."

Despite the Belle's decrease in revenues last year, Norton said the Alton casino was "pretty much on line with what we anticipated" in the face of competition from Riverport.

"We feel we're doing our job," he said. "When you open that much new capacity in a market that's already got a great deal of capacity, it just takes a while to absorb that additional capacity."

"The real difference was competing against the four-casino operation in Riverport," Argosy spokesman Dan Marshall said about the Alton Belle's drop in revenues last year. "They're virtually land-based casinos. Whenever you walk over there, there's no waiting. We're cruising over here."

Another reason Argosy officials are interested in the "boats in the moat" dispute in Missouri is that the company has a riverboat casino in the Kansas City suburb of Riverside. The Argosy boat, which cruises on the Missouri River, was the first to open in the Kansas City

market.

If Missouri moves to restrict its existing moat-based operations, "that would more than likely benefit the Alton Belle and the Argosy operations in Kansas City," Norton said.

The Missouri Supreme Court ruled Dec. 19 that the "boats in moats" might violate the Missouri Constitution by offering "games of chance," such as slot machines and roulette wheels. The Supreme Court ruled games of chance could be operated only by boats plying the main channels of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, not in artificial basins.

The Missouri Gaming Commission had scheduled hearings last week to decide whether the games of chance should be pulled from the state's 10 "boats in moats," including those at Riverport. However, a circuit judge issued a temporary restraining order delaying the Gaming Commission's decision.

Cole County Circuit Judge Byron Kinder scheduled a hearing for Jan. 22 to determine whether to make his order permanent or lift it, which would allow the Gaming Commission to proceed with its hearings to determine whether the "boats in moats" comply with state law.

If Missouri determines that games of chance are illegal for artificial basins, "that would reduce the number of slot machines and eliminate a lot of roulette tables in those two markets (St. Louis and Kansas City)," Norton said.

"Both of our boats would stand to benefit if any boats had to reduce their games of chance or eliminate games of chance," he said.

If dockside gaming were legalized in Illinois, the Alton Belle would benefit even more, Norton said. Under current state law, the Belle must take gamblers on cruises of the Mississippi River when it is safe to do so, weather permitting. New patrons may go on board only at intervals, even when the vessel remains docked.

That compares with the situation at Riverport, where staggered boarding times at the four grouped casinos mean there's virtually no wait to get in.

"We're very supportive of the effort to have Illinois boats go dockside," Norton said. He pointed out that boats in Missouri and Iowa already allow dockside gambling.

"It would become a more level playing field if Illinois were to be granted dockside gambling," Norton said.



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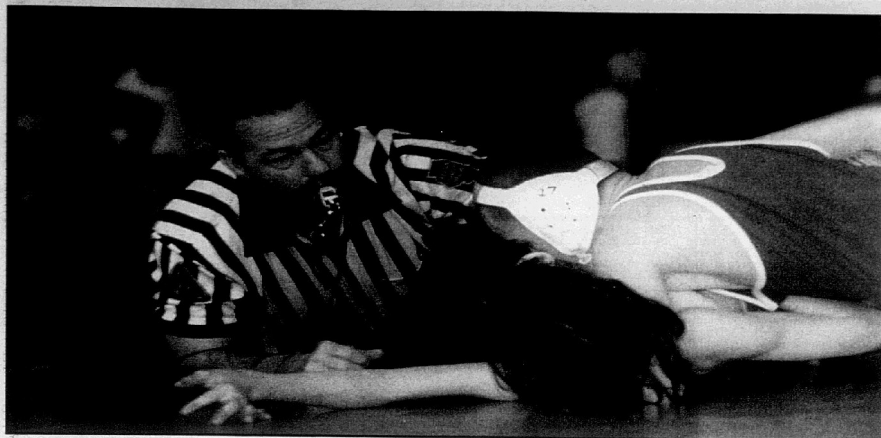
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Gators, Braves gather, grapple in Granite grudge

Call it Granite Grudge Match I. The Coolidge Braves hosted Grigsby Gators in a middle school wrestling meet Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 13. The Braves were victorious 38-22 in a very well-fought series of contests.

The Gators grabbed a quick 3-0 lead as Justin Somers edged Tony Hartline 5-3 in the 79-pound weight class, but Coolidge evened the count in the 84 pounds competition with Sheldon Murphy's 6-1 win over Mike Cook.

Grigsby's Josh Whitehead won a commanding 10-1 decision over Dustin Phillips at 92 pounds, but Tommy Tedesco (100 pounds) of Coolidge took a 6-0 lead into the third period before pinning Zach Cunningham at 3:45, giving the Braves a 9-7 advantage.

The lead became 15-7 when Mike Dowdy (107) pinned Josh Hankins in 2:31. And when the Braves picked up their third straight win by fall — Matt Davis pinning Craig Bridgeman at 2:42 in the 114-pound weight class — Coolidge was in control 21-7.

Patrick Feigenbutz scored a 3-0 win over Brad Wyatt at 121 pounds to pull Grigsby within 21-10, but Dino Clifford (128) won by fall over Lindsey Heberlein in a quick 1:22, pushing Coolidge farther ahead, 27-10.

Jim Treake was dominant at 137 pounds, building a 9-0 lead over Grigsby's Corey Kessler, then winning by fall at 3:33.

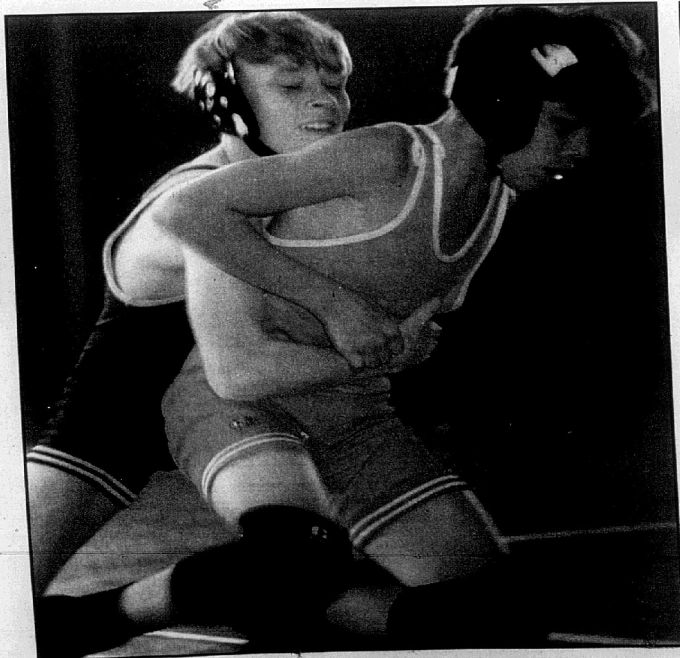
Referee Russ Baum deducted one point for unsportsmanlike conduct, leaving the Braves with a 32-10 cushion. In the most even match of the afternoon, at 147 pounds, Grigsby's Tim Kelly and Coolidge's Will Clark struggled to a tie at 13 through regulation. Kelly won it quickly in overtime, scoring a reversal in just one second.

Josh Harris of Coolidge (157) blanked Clint Sutton 4-0 in the 157-pound division, and when Jacob Janek smothered Mike Mikelson, pinning his opponent in only seven seconds, the Braves had a 38-10 lead.

The Gators' David Klueskens closed out the meet with a win by fall (2:44) over Derek Kenworthy at 275 pounds. Scott Simon is the head wrestling coach at Coolidge Middle School. He is assisted by Tim Tedesco.

Grigsby is coached by Rick Wickham, who is assisted by Ken Feigenbutz.

Above: Referee Russ Baum of Granite City leans in to judge a near-fall while officiating the match between the Grigsby Gators and Coolidge Braves Middle School wrestling teams. Gator Josh Whitehead, top, momentarily has the upper hand on Brave Dustin Phillips in the 92-pound bout. Top right: Coolidge wrestler Josh Harris tries to work out of a head lock in his 157-pound bout with Grigsby's Clint Sutton. Right: Coolidge cheerleaders Samantha Lesar, Daphne Dennis, Christina Obremski and Leisha Williams, left to right, offer their school's wrestlers some encouragement during the match with Grigsby.



Far left: Tom Bigham watches the meet while Lynn Davis cheers for son Matt Davis of the Coolidge Braves during his turn on the mat. With them is Jennifer Tedesco, 7, whose brother, Tommy Tedesco, also wrestles for the Braves. Left: Grigsby Gator Justin Somers, left, tries to keep a hold on Coolidge Brave Tony Hartline during the opening bout of the wrestling match between the two Granite City School District middle schools. Above: Grigsby wrestling coach Rick Wickham watches a bout and analyzes his wrestler's technique.

Story by Pat Heston
Photos by John Frese

MILITARY NEWS

Marine Pvt. Darrell G. Jarrett, son of Barbara L. and Darrell G. Jarrett Sr. of Granite City, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Jarrett successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Jarrett and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Jarrett spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Jarrett and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Jarrett and fellow recruits ended the training phase with "The Crucible," a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evaluation which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Jarrett joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the

Marine Corps this year from all over the country. He is a 1997 graduate of Granite City High School.

While most Americans were celebrating the Holiday season at home or with family, Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jere L. Heuer, son of Jerry and Betty Heuer of Granite City spent the holidays deployed to the Western Pacific ad Indian Oceans aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Lake Champlain.

Heuer is one of more than 65,000 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who are serving our country separated from their families and loved ones this holiday period. Heuer is working abroad to preserve peace as part of our nation's forward defense forces.

Heuer's ship is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea. The computer-based AEGIS weapons system is the heart of the ship's war-fighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar that enables the crew to detect, track and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.

The 1987 graduate of Granite City High School joined the Navy in April.

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Marine Pfc. Brian J. Meyer, son of Raymond and Marianne Meyer of Granite City, recently completed the Motor Vehicle

Operator Course at Marine Corps Detachment, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Meyer acquired the specialty skills and technical ability necessary to operate light and medium tactical wheeled vehicles during various field and convoy operations. Meyer spent more than 1,800 hours of classroom instruction and practical application learning how to drive designated courses on and off road. He also conducted vehicle recoveries and inspections, simulated driving under blackout conditions and learned how to prepare operator, maintenance and accident forms.

The 1996 graduate of Granite City High School joined the Marine Corps in June 1997.

Army Pvt. Jamie Hicks has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military customs, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Hicks is the son of Cora Hicks of Granite City and Kenny Hicks of East Alton.

Army Spec. Darren Warren has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army.



Horn — Hall

Cynthia L. Horn, daughter of Garland and Eva Horn of Granite City, and Joseph W. Hall, son of Jewell and Pauline Hall, also of Granite City, are announcing their engagement as of August 30, 1997.

Horn, a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville with a bachelor of science degree in Management Information Systems, is employed by MCI Systemhouse as a systems analyst.

Hall attended Belleville Area College and is employed as a steelworker by Granite City Steel.

A March 1998 wedding is being planned at Calvary Baptist Church in Granite City.

Reunion committee seeks class members

Granite City High School class of 1988 reunion committee is looking for the following people for the Aug. 15, 1998 10-year class reunion.

Those knowing how to reach any of these classmates, call 338-1666 or write to: Class of 1988, P.O. Box 1173, Granite City, IL 62040.

Eric Anderson, Sonia Anderson, Roger Ashby, Brandi Baker, Christine Barker, John Becker, Mark Belovich, Michelle Bloodworth, Richard Boddy, Clifford Boker Jr., Jeannine Bowles, John Brown, Robert Brown, Todd Brown, Deborah Brown, Todd Broyles, Sonya Buchanan, Bryan Cann.

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James Schmidt, Robert Schmidt, Katherine Schiewer, Greg Senter, Bryan Smith, Eric Smith, Kim Smith, Todd Smith, David Spiroff, Gloria Steward, Marianne Stoops, Kellee Sweeney, Larry Terzowski, Jody Thomas, John Thomas, Daniel Thompson, Tim Thompson, Mark Townsend, Lomita Tyler.

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Host families sought for exchange students

The American Intercultural Student Exchange, a non-profit educational foundation, is seeking local host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 1998-99 school year.

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Donation — The Granite City Board of Realtors held its Christmas meeting at Ravanelli's restaurant. President Bobbie Bailey of Century 21 presented Captain Martin Colip of the Salvation Army with a donation in form of a check and a supply of newly-purchased toys. The group of Realtors was entertained by the Granite City Senior High School Swing Choir directed by Gail Mueller of the Vocal Music Department.

How to submit

Items for the family pages, which include clubs, churches, scouts, and social events, may be directed to the Press-Record/Journal at 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040. There is no charge.

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THURSDAY, Jan. 15 — Hamburger, homemade vegetable soup, apple juice, bun, cherry turnover.

FRIDAY, Jan. 16 — Fried fish fillet, Delmonico potatoes, zucchini and tomatoes, rye bread, lemon pudding.

MONDAY, Jan. 19 — CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING BIRTHDAY.

TUESDAY, Jan. 20 — Pork chop with gravy, steamed rice, green peas, grape juice, wheat bread, sugar cookies.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 21 — Chicken patty, potato triangles, Scandinavian vegetables, bun, peach cobbler.

THURSDAY, Jan. 22 — Polish sausage, spaghetti, sauerkraut, rye bread, ambrosia.

FRIDAY, Jan. 23 — Cheesecake, ham and noodles, sauerkraut, tossed salad, wheat bread, butterscotch pudding.

MONDAY, Jan. 26 — Swiss steak, french potatoes, chopped spinach, wheat bread, oatmeal cookies.

TUESDAY, Jan. 27 — Beef stew, stew vegetables, cole slaw, biscuits, fruit cocktail.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 28 — Barbecue boneless ribs, Delmonico potatoes, baked beans, wheat bread, pineapple tidbits.

THURSDAY, Jan. 29 — Fried chicken, whipped potatoes with gravy, black-eye peas, wheat bread, sliced peaches.

FRIDAY, Jan. 30 — Fried fish fillet, parsley potatoes, broccoli and cheese, rye bread, apple turnover.

Cook — 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd and Roberta (Lavhorn) Crook celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 23, 1997 in Doniphan.

Alvin and Roberta were married on August 23, 1947 in Pockhontas, Ark. Before retiring in 1997, Alvin worked at ADM and Roberta was the Food Manager of Woolworth's. Since retiring, the couple now resides in Doniphan, Mo.

They have three children, Frank, Crook and Sandy (Crook) Beckner both of Granite City and Tim Crook of Doniphan, Mo. ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

BIRTHS

Jonathan Friedman
DANIEL AND CHERYL FRIEDMAN of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a son.

Jonathan Michael Friedman was born Dec. 27, 1997, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and joins Daniel, 8 and Mary, 1.

His maternal grandparents are Carl Lewis of Granite City and the late Mary Lewis.

Dave and Jane Friedman of St. Louis are his paternal grandparents.

Ryanne Needham
JAMIE AND STACY NEEDHAM, of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Ryanne Elizabeth Needham was born Dec. 30, 1997 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and joins Jordan Taylor, 2.

Butch and Lynda Pyles of Granite City are her maternal grandparents. Her paternal grandparents are Jim and Shari Needham of Granite City.

Robert Hillmer
KENDALL AND MELISSA HILLMER JR., of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Robert Edward Hillmer was born Dec. 29, 1997 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Granite City.

He weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and joins Courtney, 12.

His maternal grandparents are John and Deanna Vickery of Granite City.

Kendall Hillmer Sr. of Granite City and the late Joan Hillmer are his paternal grandparents.

Brandon Million
DARRELL AND DAWN MILLION of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Brandon Amos Million was born Dec. 13, 1997 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Granite City. He weighed 8 pounds and 1 ounce.

His maternal grandparents are Danny and Christine Hornberger of Granite City.

Amos and Malinda Million of Piedmont, Mo. are his paternal grandparents.

Tanner Davis
BARRY AND JILL DAVIS, of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Tanner Christian Davis was born at 7:44 p.m. Oct. 23, 1997 in St. Mary's Health Center in Clayton, Mo. He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and joins a sister, Kylie Ashley, 18 months.

His maternal grandparents are Joseph and Nancy Schlegel of East Alton.

Darrell and Marci Davis of Granite City are his paternal grandparents.

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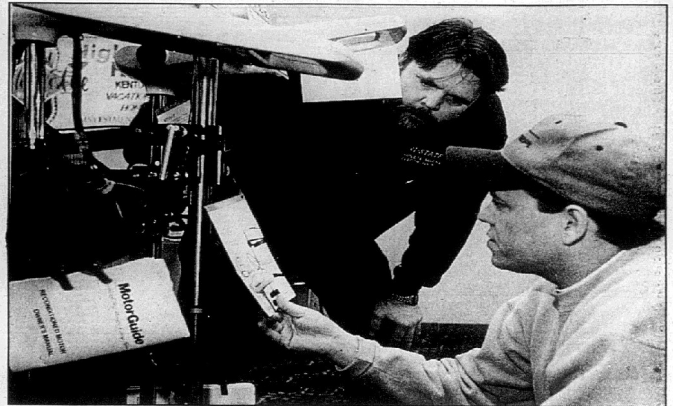
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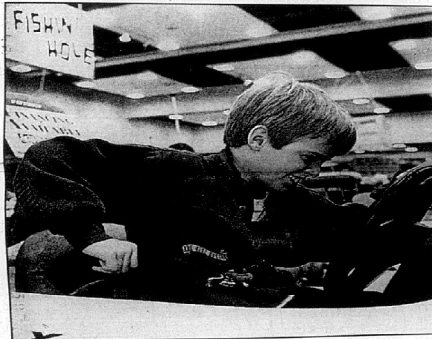


Donna Payne, left, and Rose Brashers, both of St. Louis, look at graphite fishing rods at the Let's Go Fishing show held at Gateway Center in Collinsville.

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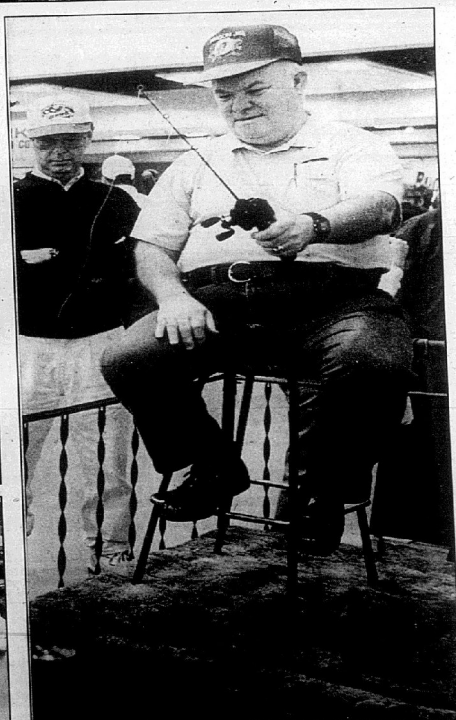
Clyde Frey of Collinsville, right, examines trolling motors with Rick Rouse of Tri-State Trolling Motor Repair in Hazelwood, Mo.



Above, John Meyer, 8, of St. Louis pretends to drive a boat. At right, residents crowd around one of the boats on display.



Above, Mike and Gladys White of St. Charles, Mo., poke through a tackle box. At right, Becky Hopkins and Leo Tomerlin examine a boat engine propeller.



At left, Larry Carver, president of Carver's Spinners Inc. of Greenwood, Ind., demonstrates how 'dragon jig' bait works. The fifth annual show featured Illinois dealers of fishing tackle, accessories and fishing boats. Resorts, destinations and organizations representing fishing activities and interests also were among the exhibitors. Terry McCormick of Nameoki Village Marine in Granite City originated the fishing show.

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